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The first Chapter.

An Act for the vniformitie of Seruice, and ad-
ministration of the Sacramentes,
thzoughout the Realme.



Here of long time
there hath bene had, in
this realme of Englād
and in Wales, dyuers
formes of cōmon prai-
er, cōmonlye called the
seruice of the Church:
that is to saye, the vse
of Sarum, of York, of
Bangor, and of Lyn-
colne: And besides the
same now of late, much
more diuers & sondrye
fourmes and fashions
haue bene vled in the
Cathedrall, & Parische
Churches of England
and Wales, as wel cō-
cerning the Mattines

of morning praiet, and the Euen-song, as also concerning the holy Com-
munion, cōmonly called the Masse, with diuers and sundry rites and ce-
remones concerning the same, and in the administration of other sacra-
mentes of the church. And as the doers & executors of the said rites & ce-
remones, in other forme the of late yeres they haue been vled, were pleas-
ed therewith: So other not vling the same rites & ceremones, were ther-
by greatly offended. And albeit the Kinges Maestie, with the aduise of
his most entierly beloued vncle the Lord Protector, & other of his high-
nes counsaill, hath herte tofore diuers times assaied, to stave inuouations,
or newe rites concerning the premisses: yet the same hath not had suche
good successe, as his highnes required in that behalf, wherupon his high-
nes by the most prudent aduise aforesaid, being pleased to beare with the
frailtie & weaknes of his subiectes in that behalf, of his great clemencie
hath not bene onely content, to abstain frō punishment of those that haue
offended in that behalfe, for that his highnes taketh that they did it of a
good zeale: But also to thentent a vniforme, quiet, & godly order shoulde
be had, concerning the premisses, hath appointed Tharchbishop of Can-
torburie, & certein of the most learned & discrete Bishops, and other lear-
ned mē of this Realme, to consider & ponder the premisses, and thereupon
hauing alwel ipe & respect to the most sincere & pure Christian Religion

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taught by the Scripture, as to the vsages in the Primatiue Church, should draw and make one conuenient and mete order, rite and fashion of comon and open prayer, & administration of the Sacramentes, to be had and bled in his Maiesties realme of England, and in Wales: The which at this time, by the ayd of the holy Ghost, with one vniforme agreement, is of them concluded, set forth and deliuered to his highnes, to his greate comforte and quietnes of minde, in a Booke entitled: The Booke of the common prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, after the vse of the Church of England. Wherefore the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Comons in this present Parliament assembled, considering aswell the most godly trauaile of the kinges highnes, of the Lord Protector, & other of his highnes counsaill, in gathering and collecting the said Archbishop, Bishops, & learned men together, as the godly Prayers, Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies, in the said booke mencioned, & the considerations of altering those thinges which be altered, and reteyning those thinges which be reteigned in the said booke: but also the honoz of God and great quietnes, which by the grace of God shal ensue vpon the one and vniforme Rite and Order, in such comon prayer and rites, and externe ceremonies to be bled throughtout England and in Wales, at Calice and the Marches of the same, doo geue to his highnes most hartly and lowly thankes for the same, & humbly prayen that it maye be ordeyned and enacted by his Maiestie, wyth the assent of the Lordes and Comons in this present Parliament assembled and by thauthoritie of the same, that al and singuler person and persons that haue offended concerning the premises, other then suche person and persons, as now be and remaine in warde of the tower of London, or in the Fleete, may be pardoned therof, and that all & singuler ministers in any Cathedral or Parish Church, or other place within this Realme of Englad, Wales, Calice, & the Marches of the same, or other the kings dominions, shal from and after the feast of Pentecoste next comming, be bounden to say and vse the Mattins, Euen song, celebration of the Lordes supper, commonly called the Masse and administration of eche of the Sacramentes, and all their common and open prayer, in suche order and forme as is mencioned in the saide booke, and none other or other wyse. And albest that the same be so godly and good, that they geue occasion to euery honest and comformable man, most willyngly to embrace the: yett least any obstinate person, who willyngly would disturbe so godly order and quiet in this Realme should not go unpunished: that it maye also be ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if anye maner of Parson, Vicar, or other what so euer minister that ought, or should sing or say comon Prayer, mencioned in the said booke, or minister the Sacramentes, shal after the said feast of Pentecoste next coming, refuse to vse the said comon prayers, or to minister the Sacramentes in suche Cathedral or Parish Church, or other places as he shoulde vse or minister the same

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same in such order and forme, as they be mentioned and set forth in the
 sayd booke, or shall vse wilfully and obstinately standing in the same any
 other Rite, Ceremonie, order, forme, or maner of Masse openly or priue-
 ly, or Mattins, Euen song, administration of the Sacramentes or other
 open prayer, then is mentioned & set forth in the sayd booke: (open prayer
 in and throughout this act, is meant that prayer which is for other to come vnto
 to, or heare, either in common Churches, or priuate Chappelles, or Oratories,
 commonly called the Seruice of the Church) or shall preach, declare, or speake
 any thing in the derogation, or depauring of the said booke, or any thing
 therein conteined, or of any part therof, and shall be thereof lawfully con-
 uicted, according to the lawes of this Realme, by verditte of. xii. men, or by
 his own confession, or by the notorious euidence of the fact, shall lose and
 forfeit to the Kinges highnes, his heires and successors, for his first offe-
 fence, the profite of such one of his Spirituall benefices or promotions,
 as it shall please the Kinges highnes to assigne or appoint, comming and
 arising in one whole yeare, next after this conuiction. And also that the
 same persone so conuicted, shall for the same offence suffer imprisonment
 by the space of. vi. monethes, without baile or mainprise. And if any such
 persone, once conuict of any offence concerning the premises, shall after
 his first conuiction esteemes offende, and be therof in fourme aforesayde,
 lawfully conuict, that then the same persone shall for his Teconde offence
 suffer imprisonment, by the space of one whole yeare, and also shall there-
 fore be depriued Ipso facto of al his spiritual promotions, and that it shall
 be lawful to all Patrons, Donors, grauntes, of al and singuler the same
 spiritual promotions, to present to the same any other able Clerk, in like
 maner and forme as though the partie so offending were dead. And that
 if any such person or persones, after he shall be twice conuicted in forme a-
 fozesayd, shall offend against any of the premises the thrid time, and shall
 be therof in forme aforesayd lawfully conuicted, that then the person so
 offending, and conuicted the thrid time, shall suffer imprisonment during
 his life. And if the person that shall offend, and be conuict in forme afoze-
 sayd, concerning any of the premises, shall not be beneficed, nor haue anye
 spiritual promotion, that then the same person so offending and conuict,
 shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment during sixe monethes, with-
 out baile or mainprise. And if any such person, not hauing anye spirituall
 promotion, after his first conuiction, shall esteemes offende in anye thing
 concerning the premises, and shall in forme aforesaid be therof lawfully
 conuicted, that then the same persone shall for his seconde offence suffer
 imprisonment during his lyfe.

And it is ordeigned and enacted by thauthozitie abouesaid, that if a-
 ny person or persones whatsoeuer, after the said feast of Pentecoste next
 comming shall in any Enterludes, Playes, Songes, Rimes, or by other
 open wordes declare or speake any thing in the derogation, depauring
 or despising of the same booke, or of any thing therein conteigned, or anye

part therof, or shall by open fact, dede, or by open threatninges, compell, or cause, or otherwise procure, or maintaine any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedral or Parish Church, or in Chappell, or in any other place to sing or say any common and open prayer, or to minister any Sacrament otherwise, or in any other maner or forme, then is mentioned in the said booke, or that by any of the said meanes shall unlawfully interrupt or let any Parson, Vicar, or other ministers in any Cathedral or Parish church, Chappell, or any other place, to sing or say common and open prayer, or to minister the Sacramentes, or any of them, in such maner and forme as is mentioned in the said booke, that then everie Parson beyng thereof lawfully convicted in forme abovesaid, shall forfeit to the King our Soueraigne Lord, his heires & Successors, for the first offence .x. pound. And if any person or persons, being once convicted of anye suche offence, eftsones offende against any of the premises, and shall in forme aforesaid be thereof lawfully convicted, that then the same persone so offending and convicted, shall for the second offence forfeit to the King our Soueraigne Lord, his heires and Successors .xx. pounde. And if anye person after he in forme aforesaid, shall have bene twice convicted of anye offence, concerning any of the premises shall offend the third time, and be thereof in forme abovesaid lawfully convicted, that then every person so offending and convicted, shall for his third offence forfeit to our Soueraigne Lord the King, all his goodes and cattels, and shall suffer imprisonment duringe his life. And if any person or persons, that for his first offence concerning the premises, shall be convicted in forme aforesaid, do not pay the somme to be payd by vertue of his conviction, in such maner and forme, as the same ought to be paid, within sixe weekes next after his conviction, that then every person so convicted, and so not paying the same, shall for the same first offence, in stede of the said .x. pounde suffer imprisonment, by the space of thzee monethes, without bail or mainprise. And if any person or persons that for his seconde offence, concerning the premises, shall be convicted in forme aforesaid, doo not pay the somme to be paid by vertue of his conviction, in such maner and forme as the same ought to be payed, within sixe weekes next after his said second conviction, that then every person so convicted, and not so paying the same, shall for the same second offence, in the stede of the said .xx. pound suffer imprisonment during sixe monethes without baile or mainprise.

And it is ordeigned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every Justices of Oyer & determiner, or Justices of assise, shall have full power and auctoritie in euery of their open and generall sessions to enquire, heare and determine, all and all maner of offences, that shall be committed or done contrary to any article contained in this present acte, within the limites of the commission to them directed, and to make proses for the executiō of the same, as they may do against any person beyng endited befoze them of trespasse, or lawfully convicted therof.

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Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every Archbishop and Bishop, shall, or maye at all time and times at his libertie and pleasure, joine and associate himselfe by vertue of this act to the said Justices of Oyer & determiner, or to the sayd Justices of assise, at every of the said open & generall Sessions to be holden in anye place within his dioces, for, and to the inquire, hearing and determining of the offences aforesaid.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lefull to anye man, that understandeth the Greke, Latine, and Hebrewe tongue, or other straunge tongue, to saye and haue the sayde prayers, hetetofore specified of Mattins and Euenlong in Latin, or any such other tongue, saying the same privately as they do understād. And for the further encouragng of learning in the tongues, in the Uniuersities of Cambridge and Oxford, to vse and exercise in theyr Common and open praier in their Chappels (being no parish Churches) or other places of Prayer, the Mattins, Euenlong, Letany, and all other prayers. (The holy Communion commonly called the Masse excepted) prescribed in the sayd booke, in Greke, Latin, or Hebrewe, any thing in this present act, to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided also that it shalbe lawfull for all men, aswell in Churches, Chappelles, Oratories, or other places, to vse openly anye Psalm, or prayer taken out of the Bible, at anye due time not letting or omitting thereby the Service, or any part thereof mencioned in the said booke.

Provided also, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that the bookes concernynge the sayde seruices, shall at the costes and charges of the Parithoners of euery Parithe, and Cathedrall Church, be attained and gotten before the feast of Pentecoste nexte folowynge, and that all suche Parithes and Cathedrall Churches, or other places where the sayde bookes shall bee attained and gotten, before the sayde feast of Pentecoste, shal within thre weekes next after the sayde bookes so attained and gotten, vse the sayde Service, and put the same in vse according to this act.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no persone or persones shalbe at any time hereafter impeached, or otherwise molested, of, or for any of the offences aboue mencioned, hereafter to be committed or done, contrary to this act, onelesse he, or they so offending be thereof endited at the next general Sessions, to be holden before any such Justices of Oyer & determiner, or Justices of Assise next after anye offence committed or done, contrary to the tenor of this act.

Provided alwayes and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and singuler Lordes of the Parlament, for the thyrde offence aboue mencioned, shalbe tried by theyr Peeres.

Provided also, and be it ordeigned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Maior of London, and all other Maiors, Bayliffes, and other heade officers, of all and singuler Cyties, Boroughes, and

and townes corporate, within this Realme, Wales, Callee, and the marches of the same, to the which Justices of Assise doo not commonlye repaire, shal haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this Acte, to enquire, heare and determine the offences abovesayde, and euerye of them yearlye, within .xv. daies after the feast of Easter, and Saynt Michaell the Archaungell, in lyke maner and fourme, as Justices of Assise and Ouer & determiner may doo.

Provided alwayes and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie abovesayd, that all and singuler Archbishops and Bishops, and euerye of their Chauncellores, Commissaries, Archdeacons, and other Ordinaries hauing anye Peculier Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction, shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, aswel to enquire in their visitations Synodes, and els where within their iurisdiction, at any other time and place, to take occasions and informations of all and euery the thinges aboue mencioned, done, committed, or perpetrate, wpythin the limites of their iuridictions and auctoritie, and to punishe the same by admonition, excommunication, sequestration, or deprivation, and other censures, and proccesse in like fourme as heretofore hath bene vled in like cases, by the Kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted, that what soeuer person offending in the premises, shal for the first offence receyue punishment of the Ordinarie, hauing a testimonial thereof, vnder the said Ordinaries seale shal not for the same offence estones be convicted before the Justices, and likewise receyving for the sayde first offence, punishment by the Justices, he shal not for the same offence, estones receiue punishment of the Ordinarie, any thyng contained in this act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An acte touching the true seruice of Captaines and Souldiours.



Here before thys tyme, diuers of the Kynges Maiesties louinge and obedient Subiectes, accordyng to theyr bounden duties, haue assigned, appoynted and sent foozthe, aswell in the parties beyonde the Seas, and to the Seas, as also into Scotlande and other places, dyuers times both within this realme, & without thys Realme, many able persones or Souldiours, well furnished wyth good Hozles and Harnelles, meete to serue the Kyng in warres, to theyr great charges and costes. Yet some of the said Souldiours so sent, doo serue contrarpe to theyr sayde Maysters expectation, and contrarpe to theyr bounden dueties to the Kynges hyghnes, haue solde, losse, exchaunged, or altered theyr Maysters Hozle, and Harnes, or otherwyle by deceipte or couyn conuerted the same: By

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meane wherof the Kynges highnes hath not onely bene destitute of the same souldiours in time of nede, but also the owners of the said hores and harnes, who sent them thether, haue bene vntuly deceiued of their hores and harnesses, being thereby lesse able to refurnish other the like souldiours with Hore and Harnesses, at suche time as they shalbe there vnto commaunded by the Kynges hyghnes. And some time the Capitaynes of such souldiours departed, haue demaunded, had, & taken of the kynges hyghnes wages for the same souldiours so departed, by meane whereof the Kynges Maiestie hath susteyned and borne great paymentes, and yet his maiestie hath not bene truly serued for the same, not a litle to the displeasure of the kyng, and to the great charge of the pooze subiectes, beyng commaunded to set forth such souldiours. For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lord, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that if any souldior hereafter, seruing the king in hys warres, in any his dominions, or on the seas, or beyonde the seas, or in Scotland, after the fyrst day of April next comming, do sel, geue away, or wilfully purloyn, or otherwise exchaunge, alter, or put away any Hore, Gelding or Mare, or any harnes wherwith he shalbe set forth, that then euery such souldior so offending, vpon due prooofe or testimonye to be taken befoze the Lieutenaut, high admiral, the kynges deputie, Viceadmirall, Mardein, or Capitaine, and in theyr absence befoze any of their deputies, shalbe imprisoned by the same lieutenaut, or anye other befoze named, there to remayne withoute baile, or maynprie, vntill he haue satisfied to the partie, owner of the Hore, Geldyng, Mare, or Harnes so by hym solde, purloyned, exchaunged, wilfully lost, altered, or otherwyle made awaye. And if suche souldior so offending, fortune to escape from the Lieutenaut, and other the foresayde persons, without the punishment and restitution aforesaid, that then the same souldior, vpon complaint made by the party greued, or hys executors or administrators, vpon due prooofe thereof to be made to anye Justice, or Justices of peace, in the parties where such souldior so offending shalbe found, shalbe by suche Justice, or Justices committed to Warde, there to remayne without bayl or mainprie, vntill he haue satisfied the partie greued, his executors, or administrators, of and for suche Hores, Geldynges, or Mares, and Harnes, so by any such souldior wilfully lost, exchaunged, altered, or otherwyle purloyned.

Wherby is provided alwaie, that if the said souldior, bying any sufficient warraunt or testimonye befoze the said Justice, from the said Lieutenaut or any of the persons aboue named in wrytyng vnder the Seale of any of them, testifying that the same Hore or Harnes were lost in the kinges seruice, agaynst the wyll of the said souldior, or that the same Hore or Harnes was taken by the same Lieutenaut, or any of thothers befoze named, from the said souldior, for any reasonable respecte, and appoyne-
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ted to some other, to serue in the place and stede of the said souldioz: that then euery such souldioz, not bzinging to the owner the sayde Horse and Harnes shalbe discharged therof, against the owner therof. And that the euery such souldioz to whom the said Horse, or Harnes shalbe appointed, as is aforesaid, not bzinging home to the owner, the said Horse & harnes after he shalbe discharged, to suffer like paine, as is aforesaid.

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any souldiour seruing, as is aforesayd, depart without licence of the Lieutenant, or any of the other aboue named, with botie, or otherwise beyng in the enemies countrey, or els wher in the Kinges seruice, or out of any Garrison, where he or they shalbe appointed to serue, that then euerye suche souldioz, so departing without licence, to be taken and indged as a Felon, and to be executed as in case of felony, without hauing any aduantage of his Clergie, or Sanctuarie, and that the Justices of euery Shere, where any such souldioz shalbe taken, shall haue ful power to enquire, heare and determine, all and euery thesayd offences, concerning euery suche departure, as they doo and maye in other cases of Felonye, committed in the Shire, where suche souldioz shalbe taken.

And be it also further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any Commissioner or Capitaine, to whom the King shall direct his commaundement, by comission or letters, for the leuiyng or setting forth of any man, to serue the King in his warres, shall at any time after the said fyrst day of Apryll, for anye gayne, rewarde, or other lucre discharge anye person or persones, by him appointed to serue the King, as a Capitain, Souldioz, or Pianoz, of his seruice so appointed and do assigne any other persone, or persones in hys or theyr stede, for anye lucre, or gaine, as is aforesaide: that then euerye Commissioner, or other person so offending, shall forfeit to the King, for euery such default, of euery man so discharged, xx. ponde to be leuiued of his goodes and cattelles.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any Capitain beyng appointed to haue the ordre of anye nombze of souldiozs, vnder anye other hygher officer, do for any cause licence any souldioz in hys retinue, to departe from the fildes, or frotresse, where they shalbe appointed to serue, without the especial assent and licence in wryting of the lieutenant, or the others befoze named, shall forfeit and lose for euerye suche souldioz, so by him lycensed to depart, xx. ponde to be leuiued, as is aforesayd, to the vse of the King.

And be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye lieutenant, or any other befoze named, hauing the ordre of any nombze of souldiozs, seruing, as is aforesaid, upon the Sea, or lande, do at anye time after thesayde fyrste daye of Aprill demaund, receiue, or take of the Kinges highnes, or any of his treasurers, any wages for anye moze souldiozs, then serued in such maner and forme as the wages was paid for or for any mo dayes then such souldiozs serued, and do not note the daye
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of euery souldiozs entrie into wages, and daye of his deathe and departure, and deliuer thesame to suche threasurers, as shall pay the saide wages, euery moneth in wrytyng, so as the truthe of the nombze of the souldiozs, may appere to the kynges threasurer, and Master of the kynges Mustres, for the time being in that behalfe, that then euery such lieutenannt, and other before named so offending, shall forfeit and loose to the kyng for euery suche defaulte. v. pounde, to be leued as is aforesayde to the vse of the kyng, and to be imprisoned by the space of one moneth, and to loose his roume and office.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no Capitaine after the said first day of Aprill shall geue to any of his souldiozs, appoynted to serue vnder him, in any towne, or fortrese, kept with garrisons of souldiozs any licence, or passeportes, to departe from his seruice, but onelye the lieutenannt, or any others as is aforesaide, vpon paine of imprisonment, as well of the Capitaine as souldioz so offending at the discretion of the said lieutenannt, or the others before named.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery lieutenannt, and other before named, vpon the paine of. v. pound, shall cause to be proclaimed the whole effect and contentes of this act. That is to say euery Lieutenannt of army, in euery felde vnder his charge, to proclaim this act euery moneth, and that euery of the kynges deputies of euery fortrese, and Capitain of any other fortrese, to proclaim this act with in his charge, once euery quarter of a yere.

And also be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, for the better execution of the pzemisses, that euery persone or persones, geuyng to the Lieutenannt, or the others aboue named, true information of anye of the offences aboue remembred, shall haue for hys laboure one monethes wages, of him that shalbe founde faultie, to be payed by the hande of the Threasurer, vpon warraunt of the sayde Lieutenannt, or anye of the others aforesayde.

Provided alwayes, that nothyng herein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende to touche, or infringe anye orders, established for the gouernement of Calice, and the Marches of the same, or anye other place of the kynges nowe gouerned, or hereafter to be gouerned by the same orders, or by such orders as maye please hys grace hereafter to sette foorthe for the same.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery of the said Lieutenanntes, and other the sayd persones to reteigne in his or theire own handes, to theire owne vse, of the wages of his, or theire souldiozs, the sommes following; that is to say. vi. shillinges. iiii. pence for the liuery, or cote of euery yoman souldioz, and. xiii. shillinges. iiii. pence for the liuery or cote of euery gentlemans souldioz for one whole yere.

Provided alwayes, and bee it further ordergned, and enacted, by

by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that no maner of lieutenaunt, or any other the sayde persones, shall hereafter be charged, or prejudiced by vertue of this acte, or any thing therein contained, for lacke of his or their nombre reteigned, as is aforesayd, for, or concerning any souldior, or souldiours, as shall happen to dye during his seruice, or to be sicke by the visitation of God: or that shall depart against the wil of his lieutenaunt, or other be fore named, onelesse it shalbe in the default of any of them.

Provided alwayes, that this Act be not prejudiciall, nor hurtfull to the saide Lieutenaunt, or any other the sayde persones, or any other having bnder theym retinue of souldiours, nor anye of them, for none payment of the Kynges wages, to their houtholde servauntes and other, to whom they shall dayly fynde and geue meate and drinke, during the saide seruice of warre.

Provided alwaye, that this Act, nor nothing therein conveyed, shall extende to charge anye person, or persones, for the taking, or receiving of any gifte, or reward, of any of his, or their tenauntes, or frendes towards the reliefe, ayde, or helpe of the same persones, beyng commaunded by the Kinges Maestie to serve in warres, or other wyse to fynde men on horsebake, or on foote, aswell within thys Realme, or wythoute. Nor for the gifte, reward, ayde or helpe, reserved, or couenaunted to be payed, or geuen to any persone, appoynted to serve in warres, or to fynde horse or men, to serve by reason of anye graunt, couenaunt, reservation, custome, or tenure.

Provided, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall not extende to charge any lieutenaunt, or others aboue named, for deteyninge, or reteining any part, of any the said souldiors wages, toward, or for the payment of Victualles, Harnes, Weapons, or for any prest money provided and deliveted to any such souldior.

The.iii. Chapter.

An Act touchyng Purueiozs.



HE Kynges moste excellent Maestie, is pleased and contented, by thadvise of his honourable Counsaile, at the humble petition, sute, and complainte of his louinge and obedient subiectes: that it be enacted by his hyghnes, with the consent of the Lozdes and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that from and after the feast of Saynte John the Baptiste, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lozde GOD. M. CCCC. xlii. until the saide feast of Saint John the Baptiste, whiche shalbe in the yeare our Lozde GOD. M. CCCC. liii. no Purueioz, or taker, or anye other persone, or persones, by aucthoritie of anye commission, or commissions, or other wryting, or wrytinges, heretofore graunted, or made, or hereafter to be graunted, or made, by the Kynges Maestie,

He, or by any other warrant, letter or auctoritie whatsoeuer shall pur-
 uey, or take for the prouision of the Kinges Maiesties moste honourable
 householde, or for the prouision of the householdes of the Kinges Maie-
 ties sisters, or any other persone or persones, any Corne, Grain, Harte,
 Heale, Calues, Lambes, Kiddees, Hēnes, Cheking, Capons, Wildfoule
 Butter, Chele, Egges, Bieles, Butters, Fische, Timber, Woodde, Cole,
 Strawe, Haie, or any other kynd of victualles, without the full assent and
 consent, of the awner or awners, of the same, and at suche price and prices
 for ready money, or money to be paid at suche daies and places, as suche
 Purueiour, Taker, or other persone or persones, can and shal agree with
 the awner, or awners of the same.

And be it further enacted, by thaurthoritie of this present Parliament
 that from, and after the feast of Chyristmas, whiche shalbe in the yere of
 our lord God. M. D. xlii. vntill the feast of Chyristmas, whiche shalbe in
 the yere of our lord God. M. D. lii. no Purueiour, or any other persone or
 persones, by auctoritie of any commissiō or commissions, or other writing
 or writings, heretofore graunted or made, or hereafter to bee made or
 graunted, by the Kinges maiestie, or by any other warrant, letter, or au-
 thoritie whatsoeuer, shall Puruey or take, for any of the Kinges Maie-
 ties affaires, or for any other cause or matter, concernyng the warres, or
 other wise any goodes, cattalles, trees, timber, or other thynges whatso-
 euer (sauiug onely Barges, Shippes, and other vessels, Cartes, caria-
 ges, and thynges necessary for cariages) without the assentes and full a-
 gremētes, of the owner or awners of the same, and at suche price and pri-
 ces, for ready money, or money to bee paid, at suche daies and places, as
 any suche Purueiour, Taker, or other persone or persones, can, or shal a-
 gree with the awner, or awners of the same. And if any Purueiour or ta-
 ker, or any other persone or persones, shal after any of the saied feastes, of
 saint John Baptist, and Chyristmas next commyng, procure or attempt,
 to take or Puruey for the Kinges Maiestie, or for any other persone or
 persones, any Victualles or other thynges whatsoeuer, contrary to the
 true meaning of this acte: That then suche Taker, Purueiour, or any o-
 ther suche persone or persones, so offendyng, shall forfait to the partie or
 parties greued, treble the value or values, of the thyng or thynges, so ta-
 ken or Purueyed, and shall also suffer emprisonment, by the space of one
 quarter of a yere, without baile or mainprise, and shall make fine at the
 Kinges will and pleasure: for the whiche forfaiture, the partie or parties
 greued, shal haue his remedy by accion of debt, informacion, or otherwise
 in any of the Kinges Courtes of Recorde, in whiche accion, sute, or info-
 macion, no eslopyne, wager of lawe, or protection shalbe allowed.

Provided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie
 aforesaid, that it shal and may be lefull, duryng the yerres before specified
 to any persone or persones, by auctoritie of the Kinges Commission, or
 Commissions, or by auctoritie of any letter or Commission, to be direc-

fed from the lord Protector's grace, or from any two of the kynges private counsaill, or from the Master of the Postes, or from any of the kynges lieutenantes, generalles, deputies, wardens, or any of their deputies in his warres, to take poste horses, or geldynges, for the conueighing or carrying, of any persone or persones, aboute the kynges Maiesties affaires, payng to the awner or awners, of suche poste horses, or geldynges, after the rate of one peny for a Mile, any thing or matter conteyned in this act, to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where the kynges Maiestie doeth allowe for every Carte, carrying his graces cartages of household, twoo pence for a Mile cartage, it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that from and after the feast of S. John Baptist next comynng, vntil the said feast of saint John Baptist whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande siue hundred fiftie and twoo, there shalbe allowed and paid, to the awner and awners, of every suche Carte, carrying the kynges cartages, of his household four pence for every mile cartage. And for the cartages of any other of the kynges cartages, for the warres or other wise, duringe the yeres aforesaid, thzee pence for every mile cartage: any lawe, blage, or custome, heretofore had or bled, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The .iiii. Chapter.

An act for the Sherifes, to haue certain allowaunces, vpon their accomptes.

Moste humbly beseechen the kynges moste excellent Maiestie, his true and faythfull subiectes, the Commons in this presente Parliament assembled: That where in the Parliament begonne at Westmynster, the syxtene daye of Januarie, in the .xxiii. yere of the reygne of our late souereygne Lorde of famous memozye, kyng Henry the eyght, and by proroagation holden at Westmynster, the twentye and twoo daye of Januarie, in the thyrtye and four yere of the reygne of our sayde late souereygne Lorde, and there continued vntil the .xii. daye of Maye, in the .xxv. yere of the reigne, of the sayd late kyng: vpon diuerse and sundery consideracions, there was enacted and made an Act, by the aucthoritie of the same Parliament, concernyng the accompt or accomptes of Sherifes, to bee made in the Exchequier as in the same acte moze plainly at large it is conteigned. And albeit it was ment, at the tyme of the making of the said acte, as it may appere by the wordes of the said acte, that Sheryfes shoulde not be charged vpon their accomptes, but onely with suche sommes of money, as they might lawfully leuie: And also that the said Sheryfes, shoulde haue allowaunce, not all onely for suche charges and expences, as they shoulde susteine and beare for the dietes and charges of the Justices of Assise, but also for other

other necessary charges and expences, by them susteined; in, and aboute the exercisynge of their saied office: Yet neuerthelesse, the saied Sherifes are and haue been, sithen the making of thesaied act, moze and sozer charged, vexed, and troubled then they were befoze, to the greate impouerishment of men of worship and gentlemen, within this Realme, that haue been Sherifes, and so is verye lyke to bee to all suche as hereafter shalbe Sherifes, if remedy be not pzoouided in this behalfe: it may therfore please the kynges moste excellent Maieste, that it maie be enacted, and established, with thassent of the lordes spirituall, and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thautthoritye of thesame, that thesaied former acte, and all clauses and sentences, in thesame contened, shalbe from hencefurthe, clerely frustrate and voyde, to all intentes & purposes, other then hereafter in this act shalbe specified.

And that it maie be enacted, by this present Parliament, that the Sherifes, whyche shalbee made, from hencefurthe within all the Shires of Englande: and also suche as haue not made, and finished theiir accompte or accomptes, shal haue suche and like tailles of rewarde, and all suche other allowances, as they had, befoze the makynge of thesaied former acte or els thesame Sheriefes, whyche shalbe or heretofore haue been, to be at their eleccion and choise, to accompt, and all other thynges to do, accordynge to the aforesaid former acte. And that they, and euery of them, that so shal accompte, and take no taile of rewarde, shalbe in, and by all thynges intreated, in the kynges Exchequier, as though thesaied former acte were, and should continue in his full strength and effect, any thyng befoze specified notwithstandinge. And that thesame tailles of rewarde, and euery of them, by force of this present act, without any further warrant, or warrantes, to be obtained for thesame, shalbe leuied or striken, at the receipte of the kynges Maiesties Exchequier, in due maner and forme, with suche like letter or writynge, vpon thesame tailles, and euery of them, as befoze the makynge of thesaied former acte were, and haue been accustomed, to bee leuied and striken. And that thesame tayles so hereafter there to bee leuied and striken, shalbe deliuered vnto euerye of thesame Sherifes, or their sufficient attornei for them without prest, or other charge to be set vpon them for thesame. And that this acte shalbe a sufficient warrant, and discharge, vnto the Tresaurer of England, and al other officers, within thesaied receipte, for strykyng, leuynge, and deliuerie of thesaied tailles, and euery of them. And further, that all those Sherifes, that hereafter shalbe made, within those shyres of Englande, whereas no tailles of rewarde haue heretofore bene, by the kynges Maiesties most noble progenitours, geuen and graunted, and suche Sherifes as shal here after take no taile of rewarde, shal in consideration of their greate costes, charges, and expences whyche they shal beare and susteine, aswell by the dietes of the Justices of Assises, as by any other meanes, haue vpon the ende of their accomptes, and of euerye of them,

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suche allowances, upon a petition to be made by thesame Sherifes, or any of them, in a bill to be brought in by thesame Sherife, and euerye of them of their said colles and charges, upon whych bylles thesame Sherifes to be swozne in their owne proper persones, or by their vnder Sherifes, or lawfull attornei, therunto admytted, to be true, without warrant or tale, supnge for thesame. And also that all Sherifes, whych hereafter shall take no tale of rewarde and euery of them, shall be discharged upon their accomptes, of al such fermes, goodes, cattalles, pzoofytes, casualties, and somes of money, whiche they might or shoulde be charged with upon their accomptes in thesaid Exchequer, by what title or name soeuer they be named or upon whatsoeuer person or persons, they shall be treated, or out of whatsoeuer landes and tenementes, they shall be goyng furthe, as they cannot lyue nor come by. And that all other Sherifes, whiche hereafter shall take any tale of rewarde, shall in lyke maner be discharged, of al suche fermes, and somes of money aforesayde (excepte onely of the bigountelles of their shires, wherwith they shall be charged, and answerable as they were befoze the making of the aforesaid former acte.) And also thesame Sherifes of euery shire of England, that now be or heretofore haue been, or that hereafter shall be, & euery of them shall haue plain deduccion and allowance, in their said accomptes, of al suche some and somes of money, as they or any of them, shall make, or haue made true petition, of for, or concernynge suche possessions, and hereditamentes, as be come vnto, or were in the kynges maiesties handes, or any his progenitozs, by vnitie of possession, or by any meane, out of the whiche any part or percel, of the aforesaid bigountelles, wer at any time heretofore leuiable or leued. And that the Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlain, Chancelloz, and Barons of thesaid exchequer, or in the absence of thesaid Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, and Chancelloz: thesaid Barons, shall by auctoritie of this acte, geue and make allowance, deduccion, and exoneration, to euerye of thesaid Sherifes, of thesaid fermes, and of all other thinges, without any other warrant.

Provided alwaie, that euery of thesaid Sherifes, at his daye of prescription, immediately after that he or his deputie or attornei, is swozne to accompt for thylues and pzoofytes of his office of Sherief wicke, shall by himselfe, or by his attornei, or deputie swozne for him, when he shall answer befoze the Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, Chauncelloz, and Barons of thesaid Exchequer, or in the absence of thesaid Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlain, or Chauncelloz, or of any of them: then befoze suche of thesaid Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncelloz, and of thesaid Barons, as then shall happen to be present, in thesaid Court of Exchequer, to bring in and deliver into thesaid Courte, Rolles or Cedulaes, of parchment, conteynng in them truly, without omission or concealment, al suche particuler somes of money, whiche he hath leued, or lawfully might haue leued, to his wetyng or knowlege, with-

in hys Baillywicke, as parte, or parcell, as well of thesaied fermes called vicoundelles, in thesaied former act expessed, as of all other fermes, of what name, or title soeuer they be called, being strected, witten, or otherwise charged, to any of thesaied Sherieffes, out of thesaied Court of Exchequer, making expresse, and distinct mention, in thesame Rolles, or cedules, as nigh as he, or they can, or may, of what persone, and what landes and tenementes, & for what cause thesame particuler somes of money, and euery of the be leued, or leuiable: And that after thesame Rolles, or cedules so deliuered, and the particuler somes of money, in theym conteyned, apperteining to their proper fermes, caste and rated, in thesayde Courte, thesaied Lorde Threasaurer, Chamberlaine, Chauncelour and thesaied Barons, in thabsente of thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellour, or any of them for the time beyng, shall haue full power, and aucthoritie by this act, for the leueng, and recouery of such parcelles belongyng to any thesaied fermier, called vicoundelles, or anye other fermes, by what name or tytle soeuer they shalbe called beynge omittted out of thesaied Rolles, or Cedules, and for sauyng of other, the kynges auncient rightes, and inheritaunces, answerable in thesaied Exchequer, whiche be now wrongfully withdrawen, or vniustlye withholden from the kynges maiesty his possessions: and shall haue power and aucthoritie, from tyme to tyme, to awarde suche proces, and vse suche conuenient waies, and meanes, by Comynssion or other wyse, accor dyng to the course of the saied Exchequer, and further as shalbe deuised by their discretion: so that the kynges Maiesty, his heyres and successors maye be truly aunswered, of the issues, and profites of thesame, this acte, or any other statute, act, or dinaunce, or vse hertofore, to the contrary had made, or vled, in any wyse notwithstandinge.

And furthermoze, that thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, chauncelloz and Barons of thesaied Exchequer, or thesaied Baron in the absence of thesaied Threasaurer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellour, or any of theym, for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by their discretions, from tyme to tyme, to geue and allowe, vnto all and euery suche commissioner, or Commissioners, as they shall assygne and appoint by their discretion, to enquire of thesaied fermes, and other the kynges ryghtes withdrawen, their reasonable costes and charges, as from tyme to tyme, to them shall seme good, and conuenient.

¶ The. v. Chapter.

¶ An acte, touchyng the remitting of fe fermes, for thre yeres.



He kynges most excellent Maiesty, of hys moste godlye and vertuous disposition, by thassent of the Lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in thys presente parlamēt assembled, & by thauctoizy of thesame aswell for the ayde, and reliefe of the pooze in the cities, bozoughes, and townes corpozate, of thys his Realme of Englande, and countrey of Wales, as for thexecucion of othet dedes of charity, and common welth there: ordeyneth and enacteth, that suche fefarmes, and somes of money, paid for fefarmes, as by any cite, bozough, or toune, corpozate, within thys his realme of Englād, or countrey of Wales, or by the bodies politike, or corpozat, officers, or ministers of the same, shoulde or oughte to be due, and payable to his maiesty, his heires, & successours, durynge .iii. yeres next ensuyng, after the .xliii. day of marche, in this present yere of our lord God. m. d. xliiii. shal cease & not to be due, ne payable to his maiesty, ne his heires, or successours, by any such cite, bozough, ne toune corpozat, ne by any the bodies politike, or encorpozat of the, ne of any of them, nor by thofficers, inhabitantes, & ministers of thesame cities, bozoughes, or townes corpozate, or anye of theym. And that thys present act shalbe to them and euey of them, and to the Successours of euey of theym a sufficiente dyscharge, agaynst his maiesty, his heires & successours, for the reteining, & wythholdynge of thesame fefarmes, and somes of money, duringe thesaid. .iii. yeres. And that no proces, or other sute, shalbee at any time had, or awarded, against them, or any of them, out of theschequer, or any other courte for the arerages therof, for, or in any of thesaid thze yeres.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by aucthozity aforesaid, that as muche of al and euey suche somes of monie, as shoulde or ought to be due to the kynges maiesty, or his heires or successours by any city, bozough, or toune corpozat within Englād, or Wales, or by the bodies politike, of the same, or by any thofficers, or ministers of thesame, or any of the, durynge thesaid. .iii. yeres, whiche may be gathered & collected of thysues fermes, or profites, for the which thesaid fefarmes shoulde be paide, in case the same had not bene discharged, by this present act, shalbe leued, collected, gathered, paid, and answered, as it shoulde haue bene if thys acte had not be made, to ben emploted, & bestowed, in, and about repairinge of walles, bridges, setting poze people on wozk, or other good dedes, in euey suche cite, bozough, or toune corpozat, where thesame shoulde so haue bene due during thesaid. .iii. yeres, if this act had not bene made, by the discretion, & apointment, of such commissioners, as the kynges maiesty shal particulerlye auctoizye and appoynt for euey suche cite, bozough, or toune corpozate in suche maner, and foyme, as thesame commissioners shal assigne, limit, and appoynt, or as by suche comynssyon shalbe declared, or expresed, and not to the kynges maiesty, hys heires, or successours, in his hyghnes courte of exchequer, or in any other court or place, to thuse of his maiesty his heires or successours,

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And it is further ordeined, and enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any officer, or clerke of any of his graces courtes, at any time with in, or after thesaid. iij. yerres, make out, or wyte any maner of wyrttes, or other proses, or any extreates, commons, or other preceptes, whereby any of his saied subiectes, or any of thesaied bodie corporate, or other, befoze reherfed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, dystrained, summoned, or otherwyle vexed, inquieted, or greued, in hys, or their bodie, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattals, or any of them, for, or because of thesaied sefarmes, discharged of thesaied. iij. yerres, as is, aforesaid, or any part thereof, he so offendynge, shall yelde and pay for recompence therof, to the party greued, treble damages, and costes of the sute: And neuertheles, al and singuler suche wyrttes, proses, extreates, and preceptes, so to be made, for, or by any maner of thyng, discharged by thys act, shalbe vtterly boide, and of none effect.

Wherbynt alwayes, and be it enacted, that yf the kynge our Sovereigne Lorde that now is, or any other of hys hyghnes progenitours, kynges of this realme, or any of theym, haue by hys or theyr letters patentes, or otherwyle, lawfully graunted to any persone or persones, or to any bodye, or bodie politique, or corporate, for lyfe, in fe, or otherwyle any some or somes of money, for any consyderatyon or cause whatsoeuer, to be had, payed, taken or receiued of any sefarme, or sefarmes, of anye suche citie, borough or Toun corporate, or of the bodie politique, or corporate aforesayde, or of, or by the officers, inhabitauntes, or ministers of thesame Cyties, boroughes or townes corporate, or any of theym, that al suche some or sommes of money, so goinge out, or to be payed, of suche sefarme or sefarmes, shalbe payde yerely, durynge thesaied thre yerres by thesaied citie, boroughes, townes, corporate, bodie politique, and corporate, or by the officers, inhabitauntes, or ministers of thesame to euerye suche person and persons, that of right oughte by reason of suche letters patentes, or by any other lawefull meane, as is abouesaid, to haue take or receyue suche somme, or sommes of money, goynge out, or to bee taken or payable, of suche sefarme, or sefarmes, and the king thereof not to be charged in his Exchequer, ne els where, durynge thesaide thre yerres, onely. And that euerye suche person, and persons, and body, and bodie politique, and corporat, that shold, or ought to haue, any suche some, or sommes of money, as is beforesaid, durynge thesaide thre yerres, shall haue their remedy for thesame, by action of debt, or writ of annuitie, in anye of the kynges courtes of record, againste euerye person, and persons, bodie politique, or corporate, that oughte to pay anye suche sefarme, or oute of the which anye such annuitie, rent, or some of money, ought to be payde: any thyng in this act to the contrary therof, in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The. vi. Chapter.

¶ An acte against the action of money, or other thing by any officer, for licence to traffique into Ireland.

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Lestasmuche, as within these few yeres now laste past there hath been levied, perceiued, and taken, by certain of the officers, of the Admiraltie, of suche Merchantes and fishermen, as haue vsed and practysed the aduentures and iourneys into Irelande, Newe founde lande, Irelande, and other places commodious for fishynge, and the gettyng of fysh, in, and vpon the seas or other wyse, by waye of Merchantes in those parties, dyuerse greate exactions, as somes of money, doles, or shares of fysh, and suche other lyke thinges, to the greate discouragement and hynderaunce of thesame Merchantes and fishermen, and to no lytle dommage, to the whole common weale. And wherof also greate complaintes haue been made, and informacions also yerely, to the kynges maiesties moste honorable counsaile, for reformation wherof and to thintent also, that thesayde merchantes and fishermen, may haue occasion, the rather to practise and vse thesame trade of merchandize, and fishynge frely, without any suche charges, or exactions, as is befoze lymitted, wherby it is to be thought, that moze plentye of fysh, shall come into this realme, and therby to haue thesame, at moze resonable pryces.

Be it therfoze enacted, by the kyng our soueraygne Lord, and the lordes and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaurthoritie of thesame, that neyther the Admirall nor any officer or minister officers or ministers, of the Admiraltie, for the tyme beyng, shall in anye wyse hereafter exact, receiue, or take by himself, his seruant, deputie, seruantes, or deputies of any suche merchant or fisherman, any some, or somes of money, doles or shares of fysh, or any other rewarde, benefyte, or aduantage, whatsoeuer it be, for any licente to passe thys realme, to thesaid voyages or any of them: Nor vpon any respecte, concerninge thesayd voyages, or any of them, vpon paine to forfeit for the firste offence, treble the some, or treble the value of the rewarde, benefite or aduantage, that any suche officer or minister, shall hereafter haue or take, of any suche merchant or fisherman. For the which forfeiture, the partie greued, and euery other persone or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, shall and maye sue for thesame, by informacion, byll, plaint or accyon of debte, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, the kyng to haue thone moytie, and the partie complaynyng the other moytie: in whiche sute no essoin, proteccion, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed: and for the seconde offence, the partie so offending not onely to lose and forfeit his or theys office or offices in the Admiraltie, but also to make fine and raunsome, at the kynges wyll and pleasure.

¶ The. vi. Chapter.

¶ An acte against the craftie and decypte full byng of Pensions,



Phe Kynges moste excellent maiestye, the Lordes and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, vnderstandynge that dyuerse persones, sekynge vn honest and filthy gaine, wythout respect, eyther of God, or due regarde to the Kynges maiestye, by sondre attempes and practyses, haue not onely extorted, dyuers somes of money, of dyuerse the Kynges lounge Subiectes, hauynge pencions, by the Kynges letters patentes, but also wyth flaundersous woordes, towarde the Kynges Maiestyes offycers, and asmuche as in theym lyeth, impeachynge the Kynges procedinges, haue for lytle money, or none, or other thyng geuen to some of the sayde pencioners, supplantynge theym, boughte of dyuerse pencioners theyr pencions, had by suche patentes, beyng their Reliefe to lyue by, to their bitter vndoinge: Be it enacted, by the kinge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the Commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery person and persones, that any tyme heretofore, synce the firste Session of the parliament, holden at Westminster, in the firste yere of the reygne, of our saied soueraigne lord the king, that now is, by anye fraudulent, or deceiptfull wate or meanes, hath or haue gotten, or obtayned for money or other wyse, any gyfte, graunt, bargain, or promise, or any pencioner or pencioners, of his or their saied patent, or patentes, concerninge his or their saied pencion, graunted, or to bee graunted or assygned, out of any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, that dyd belonge or apperteyne, to any of the late Monasteries, priories, Religious houses, Colleges, Chauntries, Guildes, Fraternities, or other spirituall possessyons, or by reason of the same, whiche came as well to the possessyon, of our soueraigne Lord the kyng, that now is, as to the late kyng of famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, by reason of dissolucion, attendour, or surrendour, and before the last day of June next comming, vpon a repayment, or lawfull tender of the money, or other thyng taken for the same, by any suche Pencioner or Pencioners, patent or patentees made to hym or theim, dooe not redeliuer to euerye suche pencioner and Pencioners, patente and patentees, as well his or their saied patente and patentes, as all other wytyng or wytynges, made concerninge the same pencion. That then the saied gift, graunt, bargain, and promise, made of euerye suche pencion and patente, and euerye of them shalbe voyde. And also that then, and from thenceforth, euerye suche pencioner and patente, shall haue and enioye the Pencion, by him so geuen, graunted, Bargayned, solde, or promised, as though no suche gyfte, graunt, bargain, sale, or promise had bene made, of his or their saied pencion, fee, or Annuittie, notwithstandinge any wytynges made, sealed, or deliuered, betwene anye suche parties, concerninge the same.

AND for the more true and sure payment, of all, and euerye maner of person

persone, and persones of, and for their severall Pensions, fees, and Annuities due, and to be due, to them or any of them oute of the premises, or any part, or parcell thereof, or by reason of the same: Bee it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the receiuer, or receiuers, or any of them, their assignes deputies, clerkes or seruantes, or the assignes, deputies, clerkes or seruantes, of any of them, hauyng, or whiche shal haue to do with the paiement of any suche Pensions, fees and Annuities, of any part, or parcell of them, do not at all, and euery tyme and tymes, before the .x. date of June, and the feast of the Purification of our Ladye nexte immediatly ensuiuing, euery day and feast, specified in euery suche graunt or patent, for the payment of the said Pensions, fees and Annuities, upon a reasonable request therof made, to the said receiuer or receiuers, their assignes or deputies, assignee or deputy, or to his, or theyr clerkes, or seruantes abovesaid, by any of the said Pensioners, or grauntes, or their severall deputies, attorneies or assignes, or by the severall deputie, attorney or assignee, of any suche Pensioner, and graunter, well and truly paye vnto the said grauntees, and penyoners, their severall deputies, attorneies, or assignes, their pensions fees, and perely Annuities, to theym graunted, or hereafter to bee graunted, durynge their severall liues, or otherwise accoordinge to the tenour and effect, of theyr severall grauntes, to euery of them made, and hereafter to be made, without any further delay, not taking of the said grauntees, penyoners, or of any of the their deputies, attorneies or assignes, for the paymet of any of their said Pensions, fees or Annuities, or for the more speedy paiement thereof, to them or any of theym to be made, any other, or more some, or somes of money or any other thyng or profite, but only for euery pound, of euery suche Pension, fee or Annuite to them payed. iiii. d. and for the acquittance of euery suche partie, truly payed of hys sayed Pension, fee or Annuite, of the sayed partie, hys deputie or deputies, byyng and offer to deliuer none ready made. iiii. d. and not aboue: that then euery suche Receiuer or receiuours, theyr Deputy and deputies, clerkes & seruantes as aforesaid, to whom any suche reasonable request shalbe made, for the paiement of the same, as is aforesaid, for euery tyme that the said officer or officers, or his, or theyr deputie or deputies, or his, or their Clerke or clerkes, hauyng to do with the office or offices, of suche Receiuer, or of officer, as is aforesaid, shall delay or cause to be delayed, any the sayde grauntes, or Pensioners, of the payment of their pensions, fees or annuities, or of any parte thereof, after the .x. day of June, and the feast of the purification of our Lady, as is aforesaid, shal forfeit for euery suche delay a .C. shillings. And that also, if any Tresaurour, or Tresaurours, Receiuer or Receiuours, officer, officers, or his, or their deputie, or deputies, or hys, or their clerkes, or any of them as is aforesaid, for euery tyme that they, or any of them, do exact, and take of the said penyoners grauntees, or any of them, their deputies, Attorneies, or assignes, or of the

Deputie

Deputie, attourney, or assignee of any of them, above the rates before declared shall lose and forfeite, for every tyme so exactyng and takinge, ten tymes so muche, as they or any of them, shall so exacte and take, or cause to be exacted and taken. All whiche forfeitures, shalbe to the party, that shall fynde hymself greued, if he wpll sue and demaunde thesame, within seven monethes, next after thesaid forfeiture, in any of the kynges manifestes Courtes, of hys Benche, Common place, or Exchequer, by accyon of debte, by originall writte, byll, plaint, or informacion, in which sute no esoyne, proteccion, nor wager of law, shalbe allowed or admitted, for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the kynges Justices of Assise, and of Oyer and Determiner, in their severall circuittes, and the Justices of Peace, in every Countie, within this Realme of Englande and Wales, at their generall Sessions, shall have full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine al and all maner of offences, hereafter to be doen and committed, contrary to the tenoure of thys Acte, as well by informacion, as by presentment of twelve men, and shall have full power and aucthoritie, to award processe upon every presentment, or informacion had before them, or two of them wherof the one to bee of the Quorum, of all and everie offence and offences doen and committed, contrary to the tenoure of this acte, as in case upon inditement of trespass.

Provided alwaie, that if any suche Pencioner, or Grauntee, dooe not make request in proper persone, for payment of his, or their said Pencion or Annuite, as is aforesaid, but doth require thesame, by his deputie, attourney, or assigne, that then if suche deputie, attourney, or assigne, do not bring with hym a letter subscribed, with the handes of one Justice of the Peace of thesame Shire, where thesaid Pencioner or Grauntee, is dwelling, or els of the Surueiour of thesame Shire, for the time beyng, witnessing thesame Pencioner, or Grauntee, to be then living, that then the said Receiour, and all other officer and officers, their deputies, clerkes, or servauntes, to whom, request by any deputie, attourney, or assigne, of any suche Pencioner, or Grauntee, shalbe made as is aforesaid, shall not be bound to paie any suche some of money, to any deputie, attourney, or assigne, of any such Pencioner or Patente, by vertue of thys acte, nor for none payment thereof, shal incurre the daunger, of any pain or forfeiture, before mencioned: any matter or thyng before expessed, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, and bee it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this acte, nor any thyng therein contained, shall not extend, to restraine any suche Receiour, or Receiours, or other officer, or officers, as is aforesaid: but they and every of the, shall and may paie, or cause to be paid, to any of thesaid Pencioners, Patentes, or grauntees, their said pencions, fees, and annuities quarterly, according to the tenor and effect,

of their said Patentes or grauntes, as they haue heretofore dooen, any thyng herem, to the contrary therof not withstanding.

The. liii. Chapter.

An act, touchyng the findyng of offices, befoze the exchetour.



Where manye and diuerse persones, holdyng, or that haue holden, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, some for terme of yeres, and some by copie of Courte roll, haue been expelled, and put out of their termes and holdes, by reason of inquisicions or Offices, founded befoze Exchetours, Commissioners, and other, conteynyng tenures of the Kyng, in Capite, entitlyng the Kyng to the wardshipp or custodie of suche landes or tenementes, and sometyme entitlyng the Kyng to the same upon attaindours of treason, felonie, or otherwise, by reason that suche Leases, for terme of yeres, or interest by copie of Courte roll, of suche persones haue not been founde, in suche inquisicions or Offices: after whiche expulsion or puttyng out, thesaid persones haue been without remedye, for the obteyninge of thesaid termes and holdes, durynge the Kynges possessyon therin, and can haue no traaverse, Monstrance de droit, ne other remedye for the same, because their said interest, is but a chattell in the lawe, or customarie holde, and no state of free holde. And also, where any persone or persones, hath any rent, commen, office, fee, or other profite Apprendre, of any state of freehold, or for yeres, or otherwise out of suche landes or tenementes, specified in suche offices, or inquisicions, thesaid rent, commen, office, fee, or profite, Apprendre, not founde in the same Office or Offices, suche persones are in like maner without remedye, to obtain or haue, the said rent, commen, office, fee, or profite, Apprendre, by any traaverse, or other spedye meane, without great and excelle charges, durynge the kynges interest therein, by force of suche inquisition or office.

For remedye wherof, be it enacted, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that where any suche office or inquisition, is, or shalbe founden, omittinge suche titles, interestes, or matters, as is aforesaid, that in all suche cases, every Lease, tenaunt for terme of yeres, or copie holder, and every suche persone or persones, that haue, or shall haue, any interest to any rent, commen, or profite, Apprendre, for terme of yeres, life, or otherwise, out of any of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, conteyned in suche office or inquisition, where the kyng, his heires or successours, is, or shalbe entitled, as is aforesaid, to any such landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, shall haue, hold, enioye, and perceiue, all and every their leases, and interestes for terme of yeres, or by copie of Courte roll, rentes, commons, Offices, fees, and profite, Apprendre, in suche maner, forme, state, and condicio, as they and every of them, should, or might haue dooen in case there had been no suche Office, or inquisition founden, and as they shoulde, or lawfully myght, or ought to haue dooen, in case suche Lease, interest,

interest by cōpye of Courte folle; Rent, Common, Office, Fee or profite apprende had bene founden in such office, or inquisition, anye Lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, heretofore vsed in such cases, in any wyse notwithstanding. And also where it is, or shalbe founden for the king, his heires, or successours, that the heire, or heires of his tenaunt, or tenauntes is, or shalbe within age, where in dede such heire or heires, is, or shalbe at the same time of full age, or of a more or greater age then is, or shalbe continued within such office.

Be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that in every suche case, such heire, and heires, shall and maye at his, or their very full age, or after persecute a writte of Estate probandi, and sue his or their luerie, or Oure le main, as his or their cases shall lye, and haue the profits of his or their landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, from the time of his or their very full age, any such vntreue office or inquisition, or any law or custome to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding. Also, where one person or mo, is, or shalbe founden heire to the kinges tenaunt, by office or inquisition, where any other person is, or shalbe heire, or if one person or mo, be, or shalbe founden heire by office, or inquisition, in one Countie, and an other person or persones, is, or shalbe found heire to the same person in an other Countie, or if any person be, or shalbe vntreuly founden lunatique, ideot or dead: Be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that every person and persones, greued, or to be greued by any suche office or inquisition, shall, and may haue his or their trauers to the same, immediately or after, at his or their pleasure, and procede to trial therein, and haue lyke remedie and aduantage as in other cases of trauers vpon vntreue inquisitions, or offices founden, any law, vsage or custome to the contrary, in any wyse not withstanding. Also where it is, or shalbe hereafter vntreuly founden by office or inquisition, that any person or persones attainted, or that shalbe attainted of treason, felony, or p̄emūre, is, or shalbe seized of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, at any time of suche treason, felony, or offence, committed or done, or any time after, whereunto any other person or persones hath, or shall haue, any iust title or interest of any estate of free holde, that then in every suche case, every person and persones greued thereby, shall haue his or their trauers, or Mounstrance de droit to the same, without beyng giuen to any petition of righte, and lyke remedie and restitution vpon his or their title, founde, or iudged for him or them therein, as hath bene accustomed and vsed in other cases of trauers, althoughe the Kinges Maiestie, his heires or successours, be, or shalbe, in such case entitled to any such landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, by double matter of Recorde, anye lawe, custome or vsage to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

And further: Be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that where any inquisition or office, is, or shalbe founden by these wordes, or lyke,

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Quod de quo vel de quibus, tenementa predicta tenentur iurat predict. ignorant, or els foriden holden of the king, Per que seruic. ignorant, or such lyke, that in such case, such Tenure so vncertainly founden. De quo vel de quibus tenementa predict. tenentur ignorant that not be taken for any immediate Tenure of the king, nor such Tenure so founden of the king, Per quo seruic. ignorant, that not be taken any Tenure in Capite, but in such cases. A melius inquirendu, to be awarded as hath bene accustomed in old time, any blage of later time to the contrarie notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that where it is or shalbe founden by any office, or inquisition, that any Landes, tenementes, or Hereditamentes, are, or shalbe descended, remained, or comen, to any heire within age, and in the kynges warde, or that ought to be in the kynges warde, and that such Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, are holden of the king, immediately, where in deede the same are or shalbe holden of some other common persone, and not of the kyng immediately: that in such case such Heire or Heires, shall and may haue their trauerses to the same, within age, and lyke remedye and restitution vpon hys or their title, founden or iudged for him or theym therein, as hath bene accustomed and vsed in other cases of trauerses, anye lawe, blage, or custome to the contrarie in anye wise notwithstanding. Also where the kynges Maiesty by his prerogative, oughte to haue as well such Landes and Tenementes as be holden of other persones, as holden of him selfe immediately, whereof his tenaunt, holding of him in chiefe, dyeth seised his Heire beyng within age, vntill such tyme as liuerye be sued by such heire, and that the meane Lordes, of whom the sayd other Landes and Tenementes of such heire be holden, vse to spate the rentes due to them for the same Landes or tenementes holden of them, during the kynges possession. And when such heire hath sued, his or their liuerye they vse by distresse, or other wyse to compell the sayde Heire, to paye to theym the Arreages of such Rentes, for such tyme as the sayde Landes or Tenementes, were in the kynges possession by such minoritye, where they shoulde haue sued by petition to the kynges Maiesty to haue obtained the same out of the kynges handes, if they would haue the same which is to the great detriment, losse, and hinderance of such heire and heires: for redressse whereof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that from henceforth such meane Lordes during such minoritye shall haue, receyue and take, the sayde Rentes, by the handes of such the kynges Officers as shalbe appointed to haue, receyue and take the issues, reuenewes and profits of the same landes and tenementes so holden of such meane Lordes, durynge the minoritye and none age of such heire and heires, and vntill such Heire and Heires sue his, or their liuerye, and that such Heire and Heires vntill such tyme as he or they shall haue sued their liuerye, or might conveniently haue sued theyr liuerye shalbe thereof clerely discharged. And that such Officer and Officers shall

shall upon request made, paye the same to suche meane Lordes (they ge-
uing to suche officer and officers, a sufficient acquittance, or acquit-
tances, for the receipt of the same.) And that suche payment thereof made,
with acquittance, or acquittances thereof shewed, shalbe to suche offi-
cers a sufficient discharge against the kinges Maiesty, and his Heires,
upon his or their accompte in that behalfe, anye lawe, vsage, or custome
heretofore had or vsed to the contrarye hereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that
this act, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to a-
ny inquisition or office, taken or founden at any time before the. xx. daye
of Marche next comming, nor to hinder, prejudice, or take away the title
interest, or possession of our soueraigne Lord the king, or of any other per-
son or persones, growen, or comen by vertue, meane, or occasion of any
inquisition or office taken or founde, before the same day, but that aswell
our said Soueraigne Lord the kynge, as all other person, and persones,
hauing any title, interest, or possession, by vertue, meane or occasion of any
inquisition or office founde before the same day shall and may haue, hold,
and enioy the same in like maner and fourme, as though this act had ne-
uer bene had, or made, any thing in the same act to the contrarye in anye
wyse not withstanding.

Provided also, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in
all suche cases as anye person or persones shalbe enabled by this acte to
haue anye traaverse, and shall pursue his or their traaverse, that then he, or
they that shall pursue suche traaverse, shall sue one writte, or severall
wittes of Scire facias, (as the case shall require) against all and singuler
suche persone and persones as shall haue interest by the kynge, or by hye
patent or patentees, in like maner and fourme as is requisite, upon tra-
averses, or petitions heretofore pursued. And that in euerye suche Scire fa-
cias, the patentees, or other defendantes shall haue lyke plees, and ad-
uantage, as they had in anye Scire facias, before this tyme awarded a-
gainst any patent in any case of petition. And also, that upon euerye tra-
averse that shalbe pursued by vertue or meane of this Acte, in suche case
as the partie or parties that shall pursue anye suche traaverse shoulde by
the order of the common lawes of this Realme, haue bene put to sue by
petition to the kynge, there shalbe twoo wittes or searche graunted in
maner and fourme, as lyke wittes haue bene graunted, upon petitions
made to the kynge.

Provided also, and it is enacted by the aucthoritie aboue sayde, that
if after anye iudgement shall be geuen upon anye Traaverse, that shall be
tended or sued, by vertue or meane of this Acte, it shall appere by anye
matter of Recoorde, that the kynge hath anye other former title, ryghte,
or interest to the Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Heredita-
mentes, mencioned in the same traaverse, that then the same title, ryghte,

and interest shalbe saved to the kinge, the saide trueverle and iudgement therupon geuen, in any wise notwithstanding.

The. ix. Chapter.

An acte for the true coozrieng of Leather.



Albeit diuers good and wholsome lawes and statutes, haue beene heretofore made, and deuised for the true tanning, coozing and working of leather, yet throughe the couetise of tanners in ouerhasting their woork by diuers subtil and crafty meanes, by negligence of the Searchers, and Collusion of the Coozriars, that by dyuerse suche estatutes, were authozised to trie the sayde Leather, and by the sleight woorkmanship of the Cordewainers the kynges Subiectes, are not onely in their goodes, but also in the healthe of theyr bodyes, muche endamaged by occasion of euill shoes, and bootes, made of euill Leather: Therefore as the malice of man encreaseth to defraud the intent of good lawes, so lawes must rise against such guile, with the moze seueritie day by day, for the due represselle of the same. Be it therefore enacted, by authozitie of this present Parliament that the actes made in the. xix. yeare of the late king of famous memory, Henry the. vii. and in the. xxi. yeare of the moste notable and victoruous king Henry the eight, and all other Actes and statutes heretofore made concerning Tanners, Cooziers, and Cordewainers shall stande in theyr force and effect, according to the tenour of the same in all thinges not altered nor repealed heretofore.

And be it further enacted by the authozitie aforesaide, that no person occupieng the feate or misterie of a Coozier, Cordwainer, Cobler, Saddler, Girdler, Leathereller, Bottlemaker, or any other artificer, shal from and after the feast of Michelmass next comming, sell, or cause to be solde or put to sale any backes, or hides of anye Englishe kinde of tanned Leather bntowought, or in such kinde as he shal buye the same (Calues skinsnes onely except) upon paine of forfeiting for euery hide, backe, or parcel of leather that he shal so sell contrary to this statute. x. shillinges.

And be it further enacted, that no person, other then such as shal occupy the feates or misterie of a Coozier, shal put to sale any maner Leather cozed, or blacked, beyng bntowought, bnt cut, upon paine of forfeiture of the Leather so solde.

And be it further enacted, that no persone or persones, whiche occupieth the misterie or occupation of Cordewainers, shal after the sayde feast, make, or cause to be made any Bootes, shoes, sturppes, or flyppers of Leather, but suche as shalbe made of good and sufficient tanned Leather, and well and truly cozed after this rate and sorte, that is to wytte, wette Leather, as that which should hold out wette: and drie leather

there, as it be houlded suche to be: And that the sayde Cordwainers, and every of them shal put in thinner sole of the saide double soled shoes, botes, startuppes and slippers, lether called the wombe, well and sufficientlie cozied, and in the fresswelles of the double soled shoes, the flanke of the hide, or skinne sufficientlie cozied.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, for the trewe execution hereof, that the Mayor of the Citie of London, and the Aldermen of the same, for the time being, shall verely appoint four Searchers, and one overseer or more, by his or their discretion, to be sworn before the sayde Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, to do their office truly, which shal by vertue of this Act, four times in the yeare at the least, that is to saye: ones everie quarter, and oftener if neede require, make true search and viewe in all and every house and houses, place, and places, as well within the said Citie, and the Suburbes thereof, as in every other place, within .iii. miles compasse of thesaide Citie, where anye Tanner, Cozier, Shoemaker, or Cobler dothe, or shall dwell and occupie anye of the said occupations, for al & every bootes, startuppes, shoes and other thinges appertaining to the crafte or misterte of Shoemakers or Coblers, made or brought, contrarie to the purpoze of this Statute, and also for all maner of Lether, and other thing apperteyning to the crafte or occupation of Coziers and Tanners, not well and sufficientlie cozied and tanned, according to the meaning of this act. And that al other Mayors, Bailifes, and other head Officers, in all other Cities, Boroughes, and Market townes of this Realme, out of the circuite, and compasse of the sayde .iii. miles, shall upon paine of .xx. pounde every yere, that they make defaulte herein, appoint and swear verely .ii. .iii. or more persons of the best skilled men within their offices, by their discretion to searche and viewe, within the precinct their Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, whiche shall foure times in the yeare at the least, that is to witte, once everie quarter of a yeare, make like searche within their limittes, and shall have a marke or seale, prepared for that purpose, as is above limited, to be in London, and the Suburbes of the same. And that the same searchers, or one of them shall themselves keepe the saide Seale or marke, and with the same shall seale or marke suche Lether as they shall finde sufficient, the same Searchers to have for their labour, accordinge as is limited in the statute made for due searche, triall, and marking of the lether, in the xxiii. of King Henry the eight.

Provided alwayes, that no leather beyng once searched, and Sealed or marked as before said, shalbe charged againe with any other seale or searche. And if the saide Searchers, or any of them, do finde any lether solde, or offered to be solde, or brought to be searched, or marked insufficiently tanned, or any lether not sufficientlie cozied, or any stufte made of such lether, it shalbe lesul for the said Searchers, or any of them, to seaze the same Lether and stufte, made of Lether, as forfeited, and to retaine

the same in theyr custodie, tyll the same be tryed before the Mayor, Bayliffes, and other head officers of euery Citie, Borough, or Towne where suche seizure shall happen to be made, the same triall to be made by syxe experte men at thappoyntment of the said head officers, and twoo of the Aldermen of the saide Citie, Boroughes, and Townes, vpon the othes of the sayd Triers.

And also be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesaide, that if any person will wilfully withstand or denye any suche searche to be made accordinge to the tenure of this acte, as is aforesaide, or will not suffer the said Searchers so swozne and appointed to searche, to enter into hye or their house or houses, or other places, whete such euil made shoes, botes, and other the premilles, or any lether, deceiptfullpe and falsely tanned, or toozried, is or shalbe inspected or knowen to be, that then euery such person or persones, so denying and withstanding, and not suffering the saide Searchers so swozne and appointed for the time beyng, to enter and make searche, shal loose and forfeite, for euery time so denieng and withstanding. v. pounde.

And further be it enacted by the authozitie aforesaide, that if the persones so to be assigned for the searche as is aforesaide, will doo, or make default in their Searche, and not searche. iiii. times of the yeare, as is aforesaide, except they be letted by some lawful impediment, or do allow or seale, or cause to be seale, any lether, or stufte, vninsufficiently tanned, toozried, or wrought, or do conceale any faultes found in their searche, that they and euery of them, that shal make default in search, or allowe that is vninsufficient, or conceale defaultes founden, shal forfeite and lose. v. l. for euery such default, allowance, or concealment, wittinglye done, and so proued sufficiently against them.

Prorouided alwaies, that it shalbe lawful to euery Cordwainer or shoemaker not onely within the saide citie of London, but els where with in this realme of England, to make all maner of shoes, bootes, slippers and other necessaries for Dukes, Erles, Lordes, Knights, ladies, Esquiers, Gentlemen and Gentlewomen of suche lether, and other thinges apperteyning to their facultie, as their pleasure is to haue them made, for theire money, and to all other persones as they shal bespeake them.

Prorouided alwayes and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaide, that they, ne any of them shal put to sale any shoes, or bootes, of dyr lether betwene the last day of September, and the first day of May, but to such persones, as shal so bespeake them.

And for as much as by caryng and conueighing of lether ouer the sea, leather is growen now in suche vnreasonable price, that the commons of this realme cannot now haue for. xii. pence, that they might in times past haue had for. viij. d. Be it therfore enacted by the authozitie aforesaid that all and euery person and persones, that from and after the first daye of June next comming, shal shippe any backe, or hides or other lether, or

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hides, tanned or buttaned into the parties of beyonde the sea, shall pay for every disquire of leather, called backes or hides, or other leather, or rawe hides, treble custome.

Provided alwayes that thys acte shall not extende to anye licence alreadye graunted, for carpeng or conueyng anye leather ouer the sea, but that every person which hath alreadye obteyned any such licence, may ship and carry the same, payinge suche customes as they myght before the makinge of this acte. And that no Shoemaker, Coozier, or other person, to his or theyr owne vse, (except Tanners) shal buy any hyde in the here buttaned to put the same to tanning, vpon payne to forfeit for every suche hyde vi. s. viij. pence.

And be it further enacted, that every Tanner from henceforth shal cut every wombe of every Ox hide, vi. inches bryde, of every Stere hyde, v. inches bryde, and of every Cow hyde, viij. inches bryde of assise, in the narrowest place, the which Ox hyde, Stere hyde, or Cowe hyde, that shalbe tanned for and in the kinde of sole lether, vpon paine of forfeiture, for every wombe cut lesse then so many inches bryde of assise as is aboue appointed. iii. s. iij. d. And that no maner of Tanner shal cut any hyde for a backe, but such as shalbe sufficient and wel lethered, vpon paine of forfeiture of the same backe or backes, not beyng sufficient and well lethered. And that no Coozier which shal occupy the occupation of coozing, shal hereafter refuse to coozy any lether brought vnto him red, by any Cordwainer, or other artificer that occupieth any tanned lether in his occupation, to the intent to be copied vpon reasonable agreement for his paines, the same to be deliuered wel and sufficiently copied, to the owner thereof, within. xxiiij. daies, al which forfeitures of somes of money aforesayd, shalbe deuided into thre equal partes, one part thereof shalbe to the vse of our soveraigne Lord the King, and an other part to him or theym, that shal sue for the same, and the thirde part thereof shalbe to the vse of the Citie, Borough or Towne, where the offence shalbe committed and done.

And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lesfull for every man, to sue for the same forfeitures of somes of money, in anye Court or Courtes of Record, by Bill, plaint, action of debte, information, or other wise: In whiche sute no Essoine, Wager of Lawe, or protection shalbe admitted or allowed. And al suche bootes, shoes, and lether as shalbe founde by sufficiently wroughte, tanned or coozied, and declared by thys acte to be forfeited, shalbe seized by the sayd Searchers, or anye other persone syndyng the faulte thereof, and the same stuffe forfeited, shalbe distributed as hereafter ensueth, that is to say, such stuffe so seized, within the sayd Citie of London, or wythin thre myles compasse of the same, to bee broughte to the Guilde Hall in London, there to bee deuided into thre partes, whereof one parte to be to the fyrst Seaso of the sayd vnlawful stuffe, and the other twoo partes to be distributed to the poore folkes, as well being within the newe hospital of S. Bartholomew in London,

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as to suche poore householders, as shalbe inhabiting within the Citie of London, or the circuite aforesaide at the discretion of suche persones as the Maior of the saide citie and. iiii. Aldermen of the same, for the tyme being, shall appoint for the same. And that all suche bootes, shoes, and leather, as shalbe found within their Citie, Borough, Towne, with in this Realme, out of the said. iiii. miles compasse, vn sufficiently wrought, tanned or coozied, as is aforesayde, shalbe seized and taken as forfeited, and brought to the common halle of every such Citie, Borough, or town and other conuenient and open place, and two partes therof to be disposed to the poore, and in other deedes of Charite in those partes, after the discretion of the Maiors, Bailifes, hedboroughes, and. ii. other Aldermen of the same Citie, Borough, or Towne. And where no suche officers be, then the same to be done by a Justice of Peace, nexte adioyninge, and by the Constables of the Towne or Village, where suche seizure is, or shalbe made, and the said Searchers, or first sealo, to haue the third part of suche forfeiture for their paine.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that no suche vnlawfull lether so forfeited, be converted to any bootes or shoes, to be put to sale agayne, upon paine that every person that so shal convert the same, to forfeit the same stuffe, and. vi. s. viii. d. over, for every time so doyng and offending.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lesfull to all Cordwayners, Shoemakers and Coblers, aboue mencioned, for the better auoyding of the paine aboue saide, on them appointed, in case they should make or sell anye bootes or shoes, of leather not sufficiently coozied, from hencefoorth to cozie and dresse by their selues or theyr seruauntes, all suche Leather as they or anye of them shal convert into bootes, Slippers, or other thinges apperteyning to the manerie of Cordweiners or Coblers, and none other: the statute in the. xix. yere of the Kyng of famous memoire, Henry the. viii. heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. And for the better execution of this present act, be it enacted that all Justices of Assise, iustices of Gaole Deliuerye, Justices of Peace, and stuardes of franchises, letes and lawdaies, within their severall precinctes, & Maiors of London for the tyme being, within the saide. iiii. miles, and all other Maiors, Bailifes and other hed officers of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes within their severall precinctes, out of the saide circuite and compasse of. iiii. miles shal enquire of all the premisses in their sessions, lete, or law day, and heare and determine the same, and also by their discrecions examine al persons supposed to offend this act, or any part thereof.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that the Gyrdlers of this Realme maye sell their neckes, wombes, and shredde of tanned leather to any person or persones wythout anye forfeiture, payne or penaltie to be yelded for the same, any thyng contened in the same, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Provided alwaye, that it shall be lefull for all maner of Shomakers, Coblers, Sadlers, Girdlers, Bodgemakers, and all other Artificers using leather in their arte, to buy all kinde of tanned lether, beyng first sealed as aforesaid, to be converted to any thing belonging onely to their occupation, at Aeden halle in London, upon every Monday in the yere, though neither the buier, nor seller be fre of the said cite of London without incurring any penaltie, or daunger for the same, anye thyng in this Act contened, or any other thing, or thinges, to the contrarie hereof notwithstanding.

Provided also, that no persone nor persones, shalbe molested, sued, or vexed for any forfaiture or penaltie comprised within this act, except the sute thereof be commenced within one yere after the offence committed.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted that this Act, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in anye wise extende to be pzeiudiciall, or hurtfull to any Lord or Lordes, person or persones, bodiees politique and corporate, or anye of theym, their heires, or successours, or the heires or successours of any of them, touching any Faire or Markette, Seale, Search, Libertie, Fraunchise, Privilege, Profitte, Commoditie, Forfaiture, Fines, or Emolument, which they or anye of them have or ought to have by any lawfull interest or title, before the commencement and beginning of this present Parliament, but that they and every of the, may, and shall have, enjoye, perceiue, take and kepe, all and singuler their Faires, Markettes, Seales, Searches, Liberties, Fraunchises, Profites, Commodities, Forfaitures, and Fines rising, coming, and growinge by reason of this act, any clause, article, or sentence in this present Acte or statute, to the contrarie notwithstanding. This act to endure unto the ende of the next Parliament.

The. xvi. Chapter.

An act for the true making of Malt.



Where divers and sundry persones taking upon them the arte and misterpe of Maltmaking, and sundry other persones, tenderinge more their owne private lucre, gaine and profite, then the hollosome victelynge of the kinges Maiestie, the Nobilitie of this realme, and other his graces Subiectes, have nowe of late by theyr insatiable couetous, and greedye mindes, accustomedly and communely made muche Malt, vnpure and vnseasonable, for that they have made the same Malt in eyghte or nyne dayes, where in deede the same can not be well and perfectly made, oneles it have the time and space of. xii. dayes in the makinge thereof. And where also divers and sundry of the said makers of Malt,

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commonly haue and doo slackely and deceitfullye dye the Malt, so by them made for that they woulde haue an inordinate increase thereof, by the swelling of the sayde Malt, whereby the same Malt not being sufficiently dried, can not be kept any long time or space, but it wil be mustie and full of Weuelles, whereby no wholesome drinke for mans bodye, can by any meanes be thereof made, which is not onely to the great peril and daunger of the nobilitie, and other the kinges highnes Subiectes within this Realme, & also to the great losse and decay of the common wealth of the same, but also an utter impouerishment of the Brewers of thys saide Realme, for that the saide Brewers (ouer and besides the vnwholsomnesse of the drinke, which is commonly made thereof) cannot make so muche drinke of fiftie quarters of Malt, beyng so euill dyed and made as they might, and can make of fourtye quarters, beyng well and truely made. And also for as muche as diuers and sundry persons minding and seekinge their owne priuate and excessive gaine and profite, for getting thereby their duetie, and the order of charitie towarde the common wealth and their neyghbours in this behalfe, doo commonly vse to putte and mixe good Malt, and euill Malt together, and after putte the same Malt to sale, as good Malt, whereby manye of the kinges Subiectes haue bene and are like to be verie often deceyued to their great losse and hinderaunce, contrarie to the honest, seemely, and godly buyng, selling, and commutation that should, and ought to be amonges christen people, specially in thinges concerning the sustentation and sustenance of mans bodye.

For remedye whereof, it maye please the kynges Maiestye, with the aduise of his Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it maye be established, and enacted by auctoritie of the same, that no suche person or persones at anye tyme, after firste daye of Marche, next commyng shall make anye Barley Malt, (the Monethes of June, Iulye, and Auguste onely excepte). But that the same shall haue in makynge thereof, that is to say, in the fatte, flowre, steeping, and sufficient dryeng of the sayd Malt, thre weekes at the least, and that no suche persone or persones at anye tyme within the sayde Monethes of June, Iulye, and Auguste shall make anye Barley Malt: Except the same haue in the fatte, flowre, steeping, and sufficient dryeng the tyme and space of .xxii. dayes at the least vnder and without whiche time and times, the sayde Malt cannot be well and perfetely made, nor wholesome for mans bodye: vpon payne to forfeite and loose for euery quarter of Malt, whiche shalbe made by anye persone or persones, contrarie to the Tenoure, Purpoise, and true meaning of thys Acte, twoo shyllinges. And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no persone or persones, after the fyrste of Marche next commyng, shall myngle, or putte together, anye Malt, nor beyng well and sufficiently made or being made of Nowburnte, or spired Barley,

barly with other good Malt, and after put the same so mingled to sale, upon paine to forfeit and lose for euery quarter so mingled and put to sale, two shillings.

And be it also further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that if anye person or persons after the last day of Januarye next comming, shall put to sale any Malt, which shall not be sufficiently and wel troden, rubbed, and well fanned, whereby there maye be convenientlye fanned out of one quarter therof halfe a pecke of dust or more, that then the person, so putting the same to sale, shall forfeit and lose for euery quarter so put to sale x. pence. The moietie of al which forfeitures, to be to the king our Sovereigne Lorde, and the other moietie thereof to the partie, that wyl sue for the same by action of debte, bill, plaint, or information, in anye of the kinges courtes, wherein no protection, wager of law, nor Escoine, nor injunction shalbe admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the iustices of peace in euery of their Sessions, and also the steward in euery lete shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire heare, and determine, as wel by presentment of xii. men, as by accusation or information of two honest witnesses, of, for, and upon all and euery the offences and forfeitures aforesayde, as well for the kyng, as for the partie that shall sue, procure or cause the same to be presented, as is before sayde. And that the Bailifes, and Constables of euery Burowe, or market towne, or other towne where any such Malt shalbe made, or put to sale, shall haue full power and authoritie from tyme to tyme, to viewe, seeke, and surchace al suche Malt as shalbe made or put to sale, within any of the sayd townes. And if anye of them shall thereupon finde any Malt so put to sale, being euil made, or mingled with euil Malt contrarye to the tenour and true meaning of thys present acte: That then the sayde Baylife or Constable, so finding anye suche Malt euil made, or mingled as is before sayde, with the aduise of one Justice of the peace, within the same Shiere, shall cause the same to be solde to suche persone or persones, and at suche reasonable price or prices, and vnder the common price of the Markette, as to hys discretion shall seeme necessarie and expedient.

Provided alwaye, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall not extende to charge, or be, to the making of Malt, for anye mans owne prouision for hys owne house or familie, neither preiudicial to any person or persones for, or concerning any of the offences or forfeitures aforesaid: Excepte he or they so offending, shall happen to be sued, presented, and accused for the same, in maner and fourme aforesayd, within one yere next after anye suche offence or offences to be done or committed, any thing in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding. This present act to continue vntill the end of the next parliament.

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Chapter. Chapter.
An Act for true tanning
of Leather.



Here before this tyme diuers good Statutes haue bene made for the true tanning of leather, wherein containeth a great common wealth and commoditie to all men, for that euery sorte of people of necessitie must vse, and haue leather for diuers and sundry purposes: for lacke of true tanning whereof, euery man is not onely put to great losse and charge, but also by the naughtines thereof dothe take diuers and sundry diseases to the shortninge of theyr liues, and yet notwithstandinge, the sayde good statutes in that case p^{ro}vided, it is manifest to all persones that there was neuer woode leather v^{se}d or made within this Realme, then hath lately bene and now is v^{se}d and made within the same. The chiefe cause whereof cometh by reason of the euill and deceiptfull tanning of the same Leather: for albeit the Coxier, and also the Shomaker or other artificer do his or theyr diligence neuer so wel, yet nothing made therewith can be good, perfite, or profitable, as it ought or should be, the leather not beyng well and sufficiently tanned: the occasion of the naughty tanninge whereof groweth muche by the gredynesse of the gayne of the tanner, for that they couet to sell forth the same to sale with more speede, and shorter tyme, then it can be well and perfectly tanned, and haue bys due tyme requisite and necessary for the true tanninge of the same. For where as in times past the hides or leather were wont to lye in the tanne fasses by the space of one yere, or fyue quarters of the yere, before it was taken out of the same fasses, or put to sale: nowe for the speedie utterance and tannynge thereof, they haue inuented diuers and sundry deceiptfull and crafty meanes to haue the same leather tanned, sometime in thre weekes, and sometime in one moneth or sixe weekes at the most, as by craft of ouer lunnynge thereof in their lime pittes, or other wise by laying thereof in their fasses, set in theyr olde tanne hilles, where it shalbe tanned w^{ith} the hotte ozis, takynge vnkynde heate in the same hil, & sometime by putting of sething hote licre w^{ith} their ozis into their tanne fasses, wher the same hides or leather lye, whych they most commonly doo practise in the night tyme, and by diuers and many other suche craftye and subtil meanes, whereby they make leather to seeme to them that haue not the knowledge or skil thereof, to be as wel and sufficiently tanned, within the space of thre weekes or a moneth, or sixe weekes at the moste, as if it had lien in the fasses vntill it hadde the full tyme requisite, for the true tannynge of the same, whych shoulde haue bene at the leaste, by the space of thre quarters of a yere. For remedye whereof, and to the entent that Leather may hereafter be sufficiently and truly tanned, and haue bys full kynde

kind and perfection, as is requisite for the same: be it enacted by the king our sovereign lord, with the assent of the lordes, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all actes heretofore made, concerning the true Tanning of Leather, not being yet repealed, shall stand in their full strength and force, and bee put in due execution. And furthermore, that no persone or persones occupying, or that hereafter shall occupie, the misterie or craft of a Tanner, shall after the first daie of May next coming, put any Tanned Leather to sale, (Calves skinnes onely except) Tanned or mixed with Ashen bathe, Tap wort, Mele, Ashes, or Culver dung. And that the same Leather, so putte to sale, hath lien in the Tanne Dyis, well and sufficientlie wrought and chaunged, by the space of thre quarters of one pere at the least, vpon paine that every suche persone or personis, putting any Tanned Leather to sale Tanned, contrary to the forme of this estatute, shall forfeit the same Leather so put to sale, and further, for every hide thereof, sixe shillings and eight pence. And that it shalbe lefull to every persone or persones, to seaze the same Leather, so put to sale, contrary to this acte, as foresaite. And he that shall so seaze the same Leather, shall have the one halfe of the same Leather so seazed, and the kynge thother halfe, and that he that will sue for the same forfeiture of. vi. s. viii. d. for every of the same hides so forfeited, as for the said Leather so forfeited, as is aforesaid, by waie of information, bill, plaint, or action of debt, in any of the kynges courtes of record, wherunto wager of lawe, esoyne or protection shalbe allowed, shall have the one halfe, and the kyng the other halfe.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that after and from the said firste daie of Maie next coming, no persone or persones, shall overlime, or overburne with lime, any hides in their limepittes, nor shall set any their fattes in Tanne hilles, or other places where the Dyis or leather, that shalbe put to Tanne in the same, shall or maye take any unkynde heates, or shal put any hotte licour, or hotte Dyis into their fattes wherein any hides or Leather shalbe put to Tanning, or shal practyse any other deceitfull waies or meanes, for the overspedy Tanning of any hides or Leather, or whereby any hides or Leather shalbe burnt, skalded, or marred in the Tanning thereof, vpon the paines and penalties aforesaid. And that it shalbe lawfull, to, and for the Justices of the Peace, for the tyme being, and to every persone and persones, havinge auctoritie by the lawes and estatutes of this realme, to seache, view, and marke Tanned Leather, to enter at all reasonable tyme and tymes, into the Tanne houses, of any persone and persones, vying and exercising the misterie or craft of Tanning of leather, and to seache their Tanne fattes, that stand or bee in their Tanne houses or other places. And if any suche Justice or searcher shall finde or perceiue hides or Leather, put in any suche fatte or fattes, set in their Tanne hilles, otherwise deceitfully Tanned, or overlimed, or burnt with lime, or Tanned contrary to this estatute: that then

And be it further enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, occupying or that shall hereafter occupie, or exercise the craft or misterie of Tanners, shall cut any hide or hides, of Steere or Cow for cloute Leather, or to make any cloute Leather therof: but that they and every of them shall sell and utter all and every their hydes of Cow and Steere whole and vncut, upon paine and forfaiture of the losse of the same hides, so cut, and. vii. s. viii. d. for every hide so cutte: and that every person and persons, that will seize the same Leather, or sue for the same forfeitures, as is before limited, for the penalties aforesaid, shall haue the one halfe thereof, and the kyng the other halfe.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that this present act, or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend, to be prejudicial or hurtful to any lord or lordes, persone or persones, bodie's politike and corporate or any of them, their heires or successours, or the heires or successours of any of them, touching any faire or market, seale, searche, libertie, franchise, priuilege, profite, comoditie, forfaiture, fines, or emolument, which they, or anye of theym, haue or ought to haue by any lawfull interest, or title befoze the comencement and beginning, of this present Parliament: but that they and euery of them may and shall haue, enioye, perceiue, take and kepe al and singuler their faires, markettes, seale, searches, liberties, franchises, profites, commodities, forfaitures and fines, rising, coming, and growyng by reason of this act, any clause, article, or sentence in this present act or statute, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: This act to endure vnto the end of the next Parliament.

**An acte for the assuraunce to the Tenauntes of
Grauntes and Leasses made of the Duke
of Somerssettes demeane landes,**

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Whereas the righte excellent Prince Edward duke of Somerset, hath heretofore ordained, constituted and made, diverse persones to be stewardes, and surueours, of diuers and sundrie his honours, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, by his sufficient writyng, or writynges in the lawe, signed and sealed by the said Duke, and hereafter maie at his will and pleasure ordaine, constitute, and make diverse and sundrie stewardes and surueours, of any his honours, manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche the said stewardes and surueours, heretofore so constituted and made, or suche and as maue of them, as by any suche writyng of the said Duke, were appoynted or authorized, to make leases or grauntes, of anye the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the said Duke: haue according vnto the tenour and effect of their said commission, and writynges graunted and made, for and in the behalf of the said Duke, many demises leases, and grauntes for terme of life, or liues, of diuerse percells of the honours, manours, measses, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, beyng percell of the possessions of the said Duke, which be, or haue been commonly called or known, by the name of demeane landes, Barton landes, ouer landes, or bozde landes, or by any other name or names, by copie of court roll of the honour, or manour wherein, or nere vnto whiche honour, or manour the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, so graunted or letten, are, or bee, for and duringe suche and those estates, and termes for life or liues, as been rehearsed, limited and appoynted by, and in the copies of court roll, to them severally thereof had and made, and according vnto the customes of the honours, or manours, wherein, or nere vnto which, the said landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, so letten or graunted, are, or be in like maner, forme, and condicion, and with like and the same customes, blages, and liberties, benefites, commodities, and priuileges, as the ancient and custome tenementes, and copiholders of the olde customarie, and copihold landes of the said honour, or manour, where suche demeane landes, or Barton landes, or other the said landes, are lying or beyng, or whereof any of the said measses, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes bee, or haue been accompted, letten or reputed, for, or as a part or parcel, haue used, do or ought to do, by the customes and blages of the said honour, or manour where as of trowth no custome or blage, can or may, by the lawes of this realme, be annexed or knytte to any measses, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, letten or to be letten, by copie of court roll, to any persone or persons, albeit those wordes secundum consuetudinem manerii be rehearsed and expressed in the said court roll, or copy thereof, had or made, except that the same measses, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so letten, be old customarie or Copihold landes, and haue been used by all the tyme wherof memory of man is not to the contrary, to be letten, or demised, by copie of court roll, or other wise at the wyll of the Lord, according vnto the custome of the said honour or manour: and for that cause, suche and those

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those leases, demises, and grauntes made or to be made, for terme of life, or liues, by copy of court roll of demeane, or Barton landes, or other the said landes, and not beyng old customary or copihold landes, nor hauing any livery, or seaso of the same, been by the lawes of this realme of no better force, then leases made, or to be made, onely, for, and duringe the wyll and pleasure of the lessours and grauntours therof, at, and by the comon lawe: by reason wherof, diuerse of those persones, to whom any such leases or grauntes, by copy of court roll be, or haue been had & made, or here after shalbe had, or made, of, or in any suche measses, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, may be hereafter, by some of the heires or assignes of the said duke, or by any other, which shall, or may haue any estate therein, by, or fro some of theym, or vnder the title of some of the, expelled and put out of the said measses, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, commonly called demeane, or Barton landes or other, the said landes so taken, or to be taken, as is aforesaid, contrary to equitie and conscience, & contrary to the true meaninge of the said duke, and to the great impoverishment of those persones, that so haue takē, or shall take any of the same by copy of court roll: for remedy wherof, and for the reliefe, aide, & better suretie of suche persones, as haue taken, or had, or hereafter shall take, or haue any leases or grauntes, by copy of court roll, according vnto the custome of any hono^r, or manor, whiche is, hath been, or shalbe parcell of the possessions, of the said duke: the said duke of his charitable mind, and accustomed goodnes, humbly beseecheth the kynges moste excellent Ma^{tie}, the lordes & commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it may be ordeined, and enacted, by authoritie of Parliament, in maner & forme folowynge (that is to say) that all leases, & grauntes, had, made, or graunted, or hereafter to be had, made, or graunted, by copy of court roll, for terme of life, or liues, not excedyng thre liues at the moste, of any measse or measses, landes, tenementes, possessions, reuercions, or other hereditamentes, called demeane landes, or Barton landes, or by any other name, or names, parcell of the possessions, of the said duke and graunted or made by suche, and as manye of those persones, whiche at any time or times, heretofore haue been authorysed by any wytyng, signed and sealed by the said dukes, to make any demises, or leases, or graintes of any his measses, landes, tenementes, possessions or hereditamentes, and also all other leases, and grauntes hereafter to be made, had, or graunted, by any person or persones, whiche shalbe at any time hereafter, by the sufficient wytyng in the lawe of the said duke, ordeined, constituted, or made, by the ward, or surueior of any the manours, measses, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes of the said duke, by copy of court roll, of any the said measses, landes, tenementes, reuercions, possessions, or hereditamentes, for terme of lyfe or lyues, not excedyng thre lyues, whiche lease and graunt, or the true copy therof, shalbe within one yere, next after the making of any suche lease, or graunt, by copie of court roll entered, & wyrtten in a booke, or rolle, and whiche booke or rolle, after the entrie therof shalbe

shalbe signed and subscribed with the hande of thesaid duke, or of his heires, shalbe of suche like and thesame force, strength, and effect in the lawe to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, to suche and those persones, to whom thesame shalbe so letten or graunted, by name expessed in the said lease, or graunt, accordyng vnto the estates and termes mencioned in the leases and grauntes therof, as if the messes, landes, tenementes, reuections, possessions, and hereditamentes, whereof suche lease, demise, or graunt, is or shalbe made, by coppe of court rolle, wer made of the old auncient customary, or copyhold landes of the honoꝝ or manour, mentioned in suche lease, graunt or copie of court rolle, whiche have been demised or demissible, by copie of court rolle, of thesaid honoꝝ or manour or otherwise, accordyng vnto the custome of thesaid honoꝝ or manour, by al the tyme wherof memoꝝy of man is not to the contrary. And that the leases, grauntes and tenauntes therof, shall yelde, do, and paie, & be bounde to paie, yelde, and do to thesaid Duke, his heires and assignes, and to other the lord, or lordes of thesaid honoꝝ or manour, from the tyme beyng, lyke, and as muche rentes for thesame, as at any tyme heretofore have been, yelden and paid, and all other dueties, seruites, and customes, and vpon like paines, forfeitures and penalties, and shall haue and enioye, all suche lyke lawfull customes, liberties, blages, and aduauntages, knit to thesame messes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, so by them or any of them taken, or to be taken during theyꝝ seuerall estates and interestes, of, and in thesame, by force of thesaid copies, or customes, as the auncient and old customary and copyholde tenementes, of thesaid honoꝝ or manour, where thesaid copyholdes, or customarie tenementes be, haue been, or shalbe taken, or had, haue lawfully vsed, or ought lawfullye by the custome of thesaid honoꝝ or manour, to yelde, do, paie, or haue, any lawe, blage, or custome, to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstanding: sauyng to euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other then thesaid Duke, and hys heires, and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporate, and the heires and successours of euery, or any of them, whiche shall haue any estate, possession, or interest, in, or to any of the premisses, by thesaid Duke, or by any of hys heires, or vnder the title of thesaid Duke, al suche ryght, title, vse, interest, commoditie and profite, of, in, and to all and euery thesaid honoꝝs, manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses, and to euery parte and parcell thereof, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had, befoze the makynge of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The. xiii. Chapter.

An Acte, for the true payment of Tithes.

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Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster. the. iiii. day of February, in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of the late King of most famous memo^{ry} King Henry the eight there was one act made, concerning payment of tithes p^{re}diall and p^{er}sonal. And also in an other Parliament holden at Westminster the. xiiii. day of Julye in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of the saied late King Henry the eight, an other acte was made concerning true paymēt of Tithes & offeringes, in which several actes, many & diuerse thinges be omitted and left out, which were conuenient and very necessary, to be added to thesame. In consideracion wherof, and to the intent thesaid tithes may bee hereafter truly paid, according to the minde of the makers of thesaid acte: be it ordeined and enacted, by the King our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that not onely thesaid actes, made in thesaid. xxvii. and. xxvii. yeres of the reigne of thesaied late King Henry the eight, concerning true paymente of Tithes, and every article, and b^{ra}unche therein contained, shall abyde and stande, in their full strength and vertue, but also be it further enacted, by th^{au}thoritie of this present parliamēt, that euery of the Kinges subiectes shall from hencefurthe truly and iustly, without fraude or guyle, deu^yde, set out, yelde, and paie all maner of their p^{re}diall Tithes, in their proper kynde, as they c^ose and happen, in suche maner and fourme, as hath been of ryght yelded and paid, within fourtie yeres, nexte before the making of this acte, or of righte or custome b^ught to haue been paid. And that no person shal from hencefurthe, take or cary awaie, any such or like Tithes, whiche haue been yelded or paid, within thesaid fourtie yeres, or of righte oughte to haue been paid, in the place or places Tithable of thesame, before he hath iustly deu^yded or set furthe for the Tithes therof, the tenth part of thesame, or other wise agreed for thesame Tithes, with the Person, Vicar, or other awner, p^{ro}prietor, or fermour of thesame Tithes, vnder the pain of forfaiture of treble value of the Tithes so taken or caryed away.

And be it also enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that at all tymes whensoever, and as often as thesaied p^{re}diall tithes, shalbe due at the r^{is}ing tyme of thesame, it to be lefull to euery partie, to whom any of the said tithes ought to be paid, or his deputy, or seruaunt, to be w^{it}h se their said tithes to be iustly and truly set furth, and seuered from the ix. partes, and thesame quietly to take and cary away. And if any person cary away his corne or h^{ay}e, or his other p^{re}diall tithes, before the tithes therof be set furth, or willingly withd^{ra}w his tithes of thesame, or of such other thinges, wherof p^{re}diall tithes ought to be paid, or do stop or let the persone vicar, p^{ro}prietor, awner, or other their deputies or fermours, to view, take, and cary away their tithes, as is abouesaid, by reason wherof the said tithes or tenth is lost, impaired, or hurt, that then vpon due p^{ro}of ther

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of made, before the spiritual iudge, or any other iudge, to whō heretofore he might haue made complaint, the partie so carying awaye, withdrawinge lettynge, or stopping, shall paie the double value of the tenth, or tithe so taken, lost, withdrawn, or caried awaye, ouer and besides the coses, charges, and expences of the sute in the same, the same to bee recovered before the Ecclesiasticall iudge, accordyng to the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes.

And be it further enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that all & euery persone whych hath, or shall haue any beastes, or other cattell Tythable, goyng, ledyng, or depasturyng in any waste or common ground, whereof the Parische is not certainly knownen, shall pay their tithes for the increase of the said cattell so goyng in the said waste or common, to the Person, Vicar, propriety, portionary, awner, or other their fermours, or Deputies of the Parische, Hamlet, Toun, or other place where the awner of the said cattell inhabiteth or dwelleth.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that no persone shall bee sued, or otherwise compelled to yelde, geue, or paie any maner of Tithes, for any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, whych by the lawes and statutes of this realme, or by any pryvilege or prescription, are not chargeable with the payment of any such tythes, or that be discharged by any composition reall.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that all such baren heth, or waste ground, other then such as be discharged for the payment of tithes by act of Parliament, whiche before this tyme haue lain baren, and paid no tithes, by reason of the same barrenes, and now be, or hereafter shall be improued & conuerted into arable ground or medow, shall from henceforth, after the end and terme of .vii. yeres, next after suche improuement fully ended & determined, pay tith for the corne & hay growing vpon the same, any thing in this act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that if any such baren, waste, or heth ground, hath before this tyme been charged with the payment of any tithes, and that the same be hereafter improued and conuerted into arable ground or medow, that then the awner or aboners thereof, shall duringe .vii. yeres next folowynge, from and after the same improuement, pay suche kind of tithe as was paid for the same before the said improuement, any thing in this act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

And be it also further enacted, by thauthoritie aforesaid, that euery person exercisynge merchandises, bargayning & selling, clothing, handicraft, or other art or facultie, beyng suche kynd of persones, and in suche places as heretofore within this .xl. yeres haue accustomedly vsed to pay such personal tithes or of right ought to pay, other then such as been comon day labourers, shall yerely at or before the feast of Easter, paie for his personal tithes, the .x. part of his clere gaynes, his charges & expences, accordyng to his estate, condicion, or degree, to be therein abated, allowed, & deducted.

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Provided alwaies, and bee it enacted, that in all suche places, where handy craftes men, have bled to pay their Tithes, within this forty yeres, the same custome of payment of Tithes, to be obserued, and to continue, any thing in this acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone refuse to paie his personal Tithes, in forme aforesaid, that then it shalbe lefull, to the Ordinarie of the same dioces, where the partie that so ought to paie the said Tithes is dwellynge, to call the same partie before hym, and by his discrecion, to examen hym by all lawfull and reasonable meanes, other then by the parties awne corpozall othe, concernynge the true payment of the said personall Tithes.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every persone and persones, whiche by the lawes or customes, of this realme, ought to make or paie their offeringes, shall yere by yere hence furthe, well and truly content & paie, his, or their offeringes, to the person vicar, propriatorie, or their deputies, or fermors of the parische or parishes, where it shall fortune or happen hym, or them to dwell or abide: & that at suche, lxxx. offring daies, as at any time heretofore, within the space of. lxxx. yeres last past, hath ben bled & accustomed for the paymet of the same, & in default therof, to pay for their said offeringes at Easter the next following.

Provided also and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thing therein conteined, shal not extend to any Parische, whiche standes by the sea, and towardes the sea coastes, the commodities and occupiynge wherof, consisteth chiefly in fishing, and have by reaso therof, bled to satisfie their tithes by fishe, but that all and every suche Parische and parishes, shall hereafter paie their Tithes, accordyng to the laudable customes, as they have heretofore of auncient time, within this. xl. yeres, bled and accustomed, and shal paie their offeringes as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thing therein conteined, shal not extende in any wyse to the inhabitantes of the cite of London and Cantorburpe, and the suburbs of the same, ne to any other Towne or place, that hath bled to pay their tithes by their houses, otherwise then they ought or should have done before the makynge of this act, any thing conteyned in this acte, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone do subtract, or withdraue any maner of tithes, obuencions, profites commodities, or other duties before mencioned, or any part of them, contrary to the true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made that then the partie so subtracting, or withdrauynge the same, may or shal be conuented and sued in the kynges ecclesiastical court, by the party fro whom the same shalbe subtracted or withdrawen, to thintent the kynges iudge ecclesiastical, shal & may, then and there, heare & determine the same accordyng to the kynges ecclesiastical lawes. And that it shal not be lausful vnto

unto the persone, Vicare, Proprietorie, owner, or other their feynours, or deputies, contrary to this acte, to conuent or sue suche withholders of tithes, obuencions, or other duties aforesaid, before any other Judge, then Ecclesiastical. And if any Archebishop, Bishoppe, Chauncellour, or other Judge Ecclesiastical, geue any sentence in the foresaid causes, of tythes, obuencions, profits, emolumentes, and other duties aforesaid, or in any of them (and no apeale ne prohibition hanging) the party condemned, do not obeie thesaid sentence, that then it shalbe lesul to euery such Iudge Ecclesiastical, to excommunicate thesaid partie, so, as afoze condemned and disobeyng, in the which sentence of excommunication, yf thesaid partie excommunicate, wilfully stand and indure still excommunicate, by the space of forty daies next after, vpon denunciation and publication therof in the Parische Church, or the place or Parische, where the party so excommunicate is dwelling, or moste abiding, thesaid Judge Ecclesiastical, make then at his pleasure signifie to the kyng, into his court of Chancery, of the state and condicion, of thesaid party so excommunicate, and ther vpon to require proces De excommunicato capiendo, to be awarded against euery suche persone, as hath been so excommunicate.

Be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any partye at any tyme hereafter, for any matter or cause before rehearsed, limited or appoynted by this acte, to be sued or determined, in the kynges Ecclesiastical court, or before the Ecclesiastical Judge, do sue for any prohibition in any of the kynges Courtes, where prohibitions before this time haue been vsed to be graunted: that then in euery suche case, thesame partie before any prohibition shalbe graunted to him, or them, shall bringe and deliuer to the handes of some of the Iustices, or Judges of thesame court, where suche partie demaunded prohibition, the verie true copy of the libell, dependyng in the Ecclesiastical court, concerning the matter, wherefore the partie demaundeth prohibition, subscribed or marked, wpyth the hande of thesame partie. and vnder the copy of thesaid libell, shalbe wrytten the suggestion, wherefore the partie so demaundeth thesaid prohibition: and in case thesaid suggestion, by two honest and sufficient wytnesses at the least, be not proued true in the court, where thesaid prohibition shalbe so graunted, within sixe monethes next folowynge, after thesaid prohibition shalbe so graunted and awarded; that then the party that is letted or hindered, of hys or their sute in the Ecclesiastical court, by such prohibition shal vpon his or their request and sute, without delay, haue a consultation graunted in thesame case in the court, where thesaid prohibition was graunted, and shall also recouer double costes and damages against the partie, that so pursued thesaid prohibition, thesaid costes and damages to be assigned or assessed by the court, where thesaid consultation shalbe so graunted, for which costes and damages, the party, to whom they shalbe awarded, may haue an accion of debt, by bill, plaint, or information, in any of the kynges courtes of record, wherein the defendante

shall not wage his, or their lawe, nor haue any esopne or protection, allowed or admitted.

It is provided alwaies and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to geue any minister or Judge Ecclesiasticall, any iurisdiction to hold plee of any matter, cause, or thing, beyng contrary or repugnaunt, to, or against the effect, intent or meanyng of the statute of Westminster second, the .v. chapter, the statutes of Articuli cleri circumspecti agatis: Silua sedua, the treatise De regia prohibitionem, ne against the statute of Anno primo Eduardi tercii, the tenth Chapter, or any of them, ne yet hold plee in any matter, whereof the kynge's court of right, ought to haue iurisdiction, any thyng herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

It is provided neuerthelesse, where heretofore suche a custome hath been in many partes of Wales, that of such cattel and other goodes, as hath been giuen with the mariage of any person their tithes haue been exacted and lent by the persones and curates in those parties: which custome beyng dissonaunt from any part of this realme, as it semed when the said countrey of Wales, was through Ciuill dissencion vnculted, for want of other sufficient profites, that might otherwise growe to the curates and ministers there, to haue been for that tyme tollerable: so now the countrey being well manured and husbanded, and that tythe is duely paid there, of corne, harte, woll, and chele, and of other increase of al maner of cattel, as it is commonly in all other partes of this realme, the same custome semes to be greuous and vnrasonable specially wher the benefices are els sufficient for the finding of the said ministers and curates: that it be therfore enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that from and after the first daie of Maie next comming, no suche tithes of mariage goodes be exacted, or required of any persone within the said dominion of Wales, or Marches of the same: any thing in this acte contained, or any other acte, custome, prescription, had or made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

The .xliii. Chapter.

An act against the shotyng of haille shot.

Whereas an act was made in the .xliii. yere of the late kynge of famous memozy Henry theight, for some libertie to shote in Handgunnes, Hakes, and Hacquebuttes, by whiche act neuerthelesse it was provided, that no persone should shote in any of the abovesaid peces, but at a banke of yearth, and not to any dere or foule, onles the partye myght dyspende an. C. ponde by the yere: for as muche as the said acte hauing been deuised, as it was then thought for necessary exercise, tending to the defence of the realme, is growen sythen to the maintenaunce of much idlenes, and to suche a libertie as not onely dwelling houses, Douer cotes, and Churches are daily damaged, by the abuse therof, by men of lyght conuersacion, but that also there is growen a customable maner of shotyng of haille shotte, whereby an infinite sorte of foule is kyled, and muche game thereby destroyed,

to the benefite of no man: whereby also the meaning of the said statute; is defrauded, so that the said use of halleshot, utterly destroyeth the certaintie of shottynge, whiche in warres is muche requisite: Be it therefore enacted, that no persone under the degree of a lord of the Parliament, shall from henceforth shote in any handgunne, within any citie or towne, at any place, or other marke upon any Church, house, or dwelling, neither that any persone shall shote in any place any halleshotte, or any moppellottes then one, at one tyme, upon paine to forfaitte for every tyme that he or they shall so offende, contrary to this act, x. pounde and imprisonmente of his body during thre monethes.

It is provided alwaies and be it enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that this act, nor any thing therein contained shall extende, or be prejudiciall to any persone or persones, authorized by value of lande, to shote in any handgunne or Crossebowe, but that they may so do, in suche forme and order, as they should do, and might have done before the making of this acte (halleshotte excepted, as in deede that kynde of shotte in the said act was not ment) and that all and every other persone or persones, authorized to shote, or otherwys, if he inhabite in any towne Corporate, be presented to the Mayor, or other Officer of the same, and inhabityng in the countrey, be presented within one moneth, after the publishyng of this act to the next Justice of peace adjoyning, in whiche cases the said Mayor, Justice, or other officer so taking their names, as is aforesaid, shall againe present and recorde the same, before a Justyce of the Peace, at the nexte quarter Sessions, to the intent the Clerke of the Peace of the Countrey may kepe a certayn booke or roll, of the names of al such persones, by the whiche the kynges maiestie maye from tyme to tyme be ascertained, howe many mete and able men, exercised in that feate, be in every Countrey, that the same may be employed in his graces service, as neede and occasion shall require, upon pain that every persone, offendyng in this act, in presumyng to shote in any handgunne, or halfe hake, without the presenting of his name, as is aforesaid, shall forfaitte for every shotte, the somme of .xx. s. the one moytie whereof, to be to our soueraigne lord the kyng, and the other moytie to him or the, that will sue for the same, by bill, action, playnt, informacion or otherwise. The officer that should take thyr names, and present the same as is abovesaid, to incurre for the lacke of his duety in this part, for every tyme so offending like paine.

¶ The .xv. Chapter.

¶ An act touchyng victualers, and handicraftes men.



As muche as of late daies, diuerse sellers of victualles, not contented wyth moderate and reasonable gain, but myndynge to haue, and to take for their victualles, so muche as luste them, haue conspired and couenaunted together, to sell thyr victualles at vnreasonable prynces: And likewise Ar-

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Artificers, handicraftes men and labourers, haue made confederacies and promises, and haue sworne mutuall othes, not onely that they should not medle one with one others worke, and performe and finishe, that another hath begonne, but also to constitute and appoint, how much worke they shall do in a daie, and what houres and tymes, they shall worke, contrarie to the lawes and statutes of this realme, and to the greate hurte and empouerishment of the kinges Maiesties subiectes: for reformation thereof, it is ordeined and enacted, by the king our soueraigne Lorde, the Lordes and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that if any Boochers, Brewers, Bakers, Boulters, Cookes, Costermongers, or Fruterers, shall at any tyme, from, and after the first day of Marche next commynge, conspire, collaudunt, promise, or make any othes, that they shall not sell their victualles, but at certain prices, or if any Artificers, worke men, or labourers, dooe conspire, collaudunt, or promise together, or make any othes, that they shall not make, or dooe their woorkes, but at a certaine price and rate, or shall not enterpryse or take vpon them, to fynishe that another hath begonne, or shall doo but a certain woork in a daie, or shall not worke but at certain houres, and tymes, that then euery person so conspiring, couenauntinge, swearing, or offending, being lawfully conuict thereof, by witness, confession, or other wise, shall forfait for the first offence, ten pounde to the kynges highnes, and if he haue sufficient to pay the same, and dooe also paye the same within fyre daies, next after his conuiccion, or els shall suffer for the first offence, twentie daies imprisonment, and shall onely haue breade and water for his sustenance. And for the seconde offence, shall forfait twentye pounde to the kyng, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and dooe paye the same within fyre daies, next after his conuiccion, or els shall suffer for the second offence, punishment of the pilloury. And for the thirde offence, shall forfeite fourtie pounde to the kyng, if he haue sufficient to paye the same, and also do pay the same within. vi. dayes, next after his conuiccion, or els shall sitte on the pilloury and lose one of his eares, and also shall at all tymes after that, bee taken as a manne infamous, and by his saynges, depolicions, or othe, not to be credited at any tyme, in any matters of iudgement. And if it fortune any suche conspiracie, couenaunt, or promise to be had and made by any societie, brotherhedde, or company of any Crafte, Mysterie, or occupation, of the victualers aboue mencyned, with the presence, or consent of the moze parte of them, that then immediately vpon suche acte of conspiracie, couenaunt, or promise, had or made, or uer and besides the particuler punishment, befoze in thys acte appoynted for the offendour, their corporacion shall bee dissolued to all intentes, constructions and purposes.

And it is further ordeined and enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler Justices of Assise, Justices of Peace, Maiours, Bailles, and Stewards of Letes, at all and euery their sessions, Letes and

And courtes, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare, and determine all and singuler offences committed against this statute, and to punishe or cause to be punished the offendor, according to the tenour of this statute.

And it is ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shall at any time after the first day of Aprill next coming, interrupt, deny, let or desturbe anye free Mason, Rough Mason, Carpenter, Bricklayer, Plasterer, Joiner, Hardewer, Sawyer, Tiler, Painter, Glasier, Limeburner, Brickmaker, Tylemaker, Plummer, or Labourer, bozne in this Realme or made Denizen, to worke in any of the said craftes in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, with anye person or persons that will retaine him or them, albeit the saide person and persons so retained, or any of the do not inhabite or dwel in the citie, Borough or Towne corporate, where he or they shal worke, nor be fre of the saine Citie, Borough or Towne, anye statute, lawe, ordinaunce, or other thing whatsoever had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: and that vpon paine of forfeiture of .v. pound for euery interruption or disturbaunce done contrary to this statute, the one moitie of euery such forfeiture to be to the king, and the other moitie therof to be to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of Record by bill, plaint, action of debt, or information, wherein no wager of law, esoine, nor protection shalbe allowed.

The xvi. Chapter.

An act for the removing of such as haue the custody of Castles, and Fortresses vpon the borders, and beyond the Seas.



Here before this time, aswel the right high and mightie Prince of famous memorie king Henrye the eighth, father to our soueraigne Lord the kyng that now is, as also our soueraigne Lord the kinge that now is, by their seuerall letters patentes haue geuen & graunted to diuers seuerall persones, the custody & keeping of diuers and sundry Castles, Fortresses, Bulwerkes, Holdes and offices of defence, aswel in the confines & uttermost borders of the North partes of this realme of England against the Scottes the kinges rebelles, as also in the confines and uttermost borders of other places within this Realme and other the kynges Dominions for defence of this realme against fozein Princes and potentates, with diuers fees, wages, profites and aduantages in the sayde seuerall letters patentes mencioned. And for so muche as diuers of the sayde persones haueinge some of the sayd offices bene thought mete and apt persones to serue the kynges highnes in other places of seruice: Be it therefore enacted by the king our soueraigne Lord, the lordes Spiritual and Temporal and the

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Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it shalbe lawfull to the kyng our soueraigne Lorde at hys will and pleasure at al time and times, hereafter to remoue aswel al and euery suche person and persones that now haue the custodie or keeping for terme of life, of any Castle, Fortresse, Bulwarke, Hold, or office of defence, that at any time heretofore hath bene erected or made in the confines and uttermost borders in the North partes of this Realme, as also all and singuler those persons that now haue the custodie or keeping for terme of life of any Castle, Fortresse, Bulwarke, Hold, or office of defence, that within .xx. yeares last past hath bene erected or made neare the Sea coastes, or in any of the kinges dominions in the partes of beyonde the Sea at the kynges appoyntment or assignement, gevinge to euery such person and persons so to be remoued to serue the king in other place or places of seruite such like, or as good fees, wages, profittes and aduantages, and of such like interest or estate, and of as good assurance in the same, as the person or persons so to be remoued now hath or haue for exercising of his or theyr office or offices, wherefore he or they shalbe so remoued, as is aforesayde.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that when and asone as any person, or persones so to be remoued, shalbe assured of as good fees, wages, profittes and aduantages, and of suche like interest or estate as he, or they had for the custodie or keeping of any of the said Castles, Fortresses, Bulwarke, Holdes, or offices of defence, from whiche he shalbe remoued, that then and so sone and from thenceforth, the graunt and letters patentes made to him or them, so to be remoued for the custodie and keeping of any of the said Castles, Fortresses, Bulwarke, Holdes, or offices of defence, whereof he or they shall haue such recompence, as is aforesaid, shalbe utterly void and of none effect.

The .xvii. Chapter.

An act for the confirmation of the attainder of sir William Sherington knight.



Whereas as sir William Sherington late of London knight the .xiii. day of February in the thirde yeare of the reigne of our soueraigne Lorde Edward the .vi. by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce and Ireland King, defendour of the faith, and of the Church of Englande and also of Irelande in yeth the supreme heade, was lawfullie indicted befoze the Maior of the Citie of London and other the kinges Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in the Pelde Hal in London, for that the same sir William the .x. day of July, in the first yeare of the reigne of our sayd soueraigne Lord kyng Edward the sixth, and diuers daies and times befoze and after, at the cite of

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Bristol, in the countie of the Citie of Bristol, imagening falsely to deceiue our said soueraigne Lord the king and his people, falsely and trayterously did make, forge, and counterfeit. ii. M. poundes of coine of syluer to the similitude of a certeine coigne of our said soueraigne Lord the kinge, commonlye called Testons, of his owne auctoritie without anye warrant of our said soueraigne Lord the king, and agaynst the kinges prohibitions to the contrary therof to him made and geuen, and against the peace of our soueraigne Lord the kyng, his Crowne and dignitie: upon which indictment, the same syr William was then and there arraigned befoze the sayd Commissioners, and then and there befoze the sayd Commissioners upon his sayd arrainment, confessed the sayd treason, and all thinges conteyned in the sayde indictment to be true, where upon iudgement was geuen against the same syr William Sharrington accordingly as in suche cases of treason apperteineth: So that the same sir William is, and now standeth atteinted of treason, as by the recozde thereof moze at large it appeareth.

And also the same syr William falsely and trayterously in the monethes of May, June, July, in the sayd first yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord the king, of his owne auctoritie without anye warrant, or auctoritie from our said soueraigne Lord the king, and against his highnes prohibitions to him had and made, did make, forge, and counterfeit ouer and besides the said summe of. ii. M. poundes mentioned in the said recozde, a certeine coine like to the sayd kynges coine, called Testons, amounting in the whole to the summe of. x. M. poundes, or thereabout. And likewise the same syr William most falsely and vntreuely hath deceiued and defrauded the kinges Maiestie in the clippinges and shearinges of the kynges coine, making thereby the same to light, ouer and besides his remedie, and conuerted the same to his owne vse, profite and commoditie, to the hurt, losse, and damage of the kinges Maiestie, aboue the summe of. liii. M. pound at the least. And the said syr William Sharrington at such times when the monethlye bookes and doynges concerning the making of the kinges coine were brought vnto hym, he vsed alwayes to strike offe as muche as he thoughte good. And to the entent he might the better so do, he falsified the endentures and writings, making from time to time at his pleasure newe bookes, and burned the olde bookes, which might iustly haue charged him. Wherein albeit he is not able to expresse to what summes he deceiued the kynges Maiestie, yet by hys owne declaration and confession, it amounteth to a notable summe, and to suche a summe as he confesseth, that all that he hath is not able to recompence the kyng. For confirmation therfoze of the same attaindoz, and for the moze speedy suretie of the kinges Maiestie, touching the forfeiture and actual and real possession of al such Castles, Manors, landes and tenementes, and hereditamentes, which the said sir William had the said. x. day of July, in the sayde first yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne

reigne Lord the kyng, as at anye time sithen. And also for the forfaiture of all such goodes, Catels, and debtes, as was the same sir Williams the saide. xiii. daye of Februarie: Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne Lord with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the said sir William Sharrington for the traitorous forging and counterfaying of the kinges coines aforesayd, shalbe by thau- thoritie of this present Parliament adiudged and demed a traytor, and attainted of treason, and shal suffer such paines as in suche cases of trea- son hath bene vled. And that also the same sir William Sharrington shal forfeit to the kyng all suche Castles, Manors, Landes, Tenementes, of- fices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes, whatsoeuer the same sir William was leased or possessed of, in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of life, or yeres in his owne right the said. x. day of July in the said first yere of the reigne of your said soueraigne Lord kyng Edward the sixt, or at any time sythens. And all such goodes, cattels, and debtes as the said syr William had the. xiii. day of Februarie. And that all the sayde Castles, Manors, Landes, Tenementes, fees, Annuities, and other Heredita- mentes shalbe by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, adiudged, vested, and demed in the actuall and reall possession of the king our soue- reigne Lord from the said. xiii. day of February in the said third yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord, without any office or inquisition to be thereof had or founde.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that syr Anthony Hungerford knight, and his heires, shall have, holde, and enjoye the Manor of Leigh, with the appurtenaunces in the Countie of Miltshire, whyche the same sir William at the speciall request of the same syr Anthony Hungerford, as well for. xvi. acres and a halfe of land, as for lv. acres of wast groundes & wooddes with the appurtenaunces in East- ham and Westham within the countie of Essex, assured by the same sir An- thony Hungerford to the kinges highnes and his heires, as for dyvers somes of money paid by the said sir Anthony, did receive, have, and take by the kinges letters patentes, dated the. xvi. day of September, in the second yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord the king, to the en- tent to make an estate therof in fee simple, to the said sir Anthony and to his heires: the said attaindoz before the said Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, or this present act, or any thing in them, or any of them contai- ned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that all and euerye suche person and persones which at the sayde tenth day of July, or at any tyme sythens, and before the thyrde daye of January in the seconde yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne Lord the kyng, hath had and obtayned by lawfull graunt, gift, seoffement, or other assurance, any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes with

with the appurtenances from, or by the said sir William Sharrington, or from, or by the sayde sir William and other, for any summes of money or otherwise by, or for any other good considerations, shall haue and enjoy the same Manors, Landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes with their appurtenances according to suche estate, interest, or terme, as is or hath bene to any of them made, by the said sayr William, or by the said sir William and other, in suche like and the same maner, as if the sayde attaindoz befoze the saide Commissioners, or thys present Acte had neuer bene had or made: Saving to all persones and bodys polittique, and corporate, theyr heires and successours, (other then the Kinges Maiestie his heires and successours) all suche righte, title, vse, interest, estate, remainder, Reuertions, Entres, Possessions, Rentes, Seruices, Rentes Charge, Rentes Secke, fees, annuities, leases, claimes, commens, profits, conditions, and commodities, as they or any of them haue or ought to haue, in, or to any part of the premises, whereof the same sir William befoze the said third daye of January in the sayd second yeaere, made any feoffement, gifte, graunt, or other assurance, to anye person or persones: And sauynge to the Kinges Maiestie, his heires and successours, suche seignories, rentes, tenthes, seruices, and commens, to be taken, had, or perceyued out of the premises, whereof the saide sir William Sharrington made any suche feoffement, gifte, graunt, or other assurance, as is aforesayde, as his highnes befoze the saide. xiii. day of Februarie had, or ought to haue had in any of the same Manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, with theyr appurtenances, in the same and like maner fourme, estate and condition, to all ententes and purposes, as if the sayd attaindoz, or this present acte had neuer bene, had, or made, any thyng to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. Saving also to al and euery person and persons, and bodys polittike and corporate, and to euery of them and to their heires, assignes, and successours, and to euery of them (other then to the said sir William Sharrington and hys heires) all suche rites, titles, vses, interestes, states, possessions, reuertions, remaindoz, entres, Conditions, fees, Offices, Rentes Seruices, Rentes Secke, Rentes Charges, annuities, commens, and al other commodities, profits, and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer as they or anye of them hadde or oughte to haue had, the sayde thyrde daye of January, any thing in thys act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this act, ne any thing therein contained, shal not extende nor be prejudiciall to Dame Grace Sharrington, nowe wyfe to the sayde sayr William Sharrington, to take awaye from the sayd Dame Grace Sharrington, any right or title of Joynter, or dower, of, in, or to, any Manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche befoze anye attaindoz of the sayde sayr William Sharrington, were the sayde sir Williams, of estate

of enheritaunce: But that the saide Dame Grace Sherington, shall and may at her election, haue, enioy, and demaund all such ioynter or dower, of, in, or to any Manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherof the said sir William at any time befoze he was attainted by the Common law, was seized of any estate of enheritaunce.

Provided also, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesaid, that thys act, ne any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend to enhable the said Dame Grace Sherington to demaund any Dower, of, in, or to, any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which the said sir William had or obtained, upon any trust, or confidence, wherof he had befoze the said. xiii. day of february made any estate, or to thentent the same sir William should thereof make any estate, or other assuraunce ouer to any other person or persones.

The xviii. Chapter.

An act for the attainder of syr Thomas Seymor knight, Lord Seymor of Sudley, high Admirall of Englande.

Theyr most humble wille beseching poure moste excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled: That where sir Thomas Seymor knight, Lord Seymor of Sudley, hyghe Admirall of Englande, not hauynge God befoze hys eyes, nor regardynge the duty, which by Nature, Benefites, and allegeaunce he ought to your hyghnes, nor beyng content with hys honozable state and condition, where vnto your Maiestie hath called and indewed hym with, but replenished and fylled with the moste daungerous, insatiable, and fearefull byte of ambition and gredynes of rule, aucthoritie, and dominion, did in the fyrste yeaere of your moste noble and victorious reygne, determine and resolute wyth hymselfe, to take into hys handes your moste noble person, and the same either by violence, stealth, or other vndue meane to haue in hys possession, wyth the order, rule, and gouernment of your Maiesties Realmes, Dominions, and affayres, whiche were befoze that tyme, as well by your Royall assent, as by the consent and liberate aduise of all your Nobles and Counsaile, whereof he the sayd Lord Admirall was one, otherwys ordered, decreed, and determined by the meanes whereof, and by the moste prudent foresight, and direction of your Graces derest vncle the Duke of Sommerset, Gouvernor of your Maiesties moste royal person, and Protector of your highnes Realmes, Dominions and Subiectes, beyng the said Admirall disapoynted of his malicious enterpryse: The same Admirall continuynge neuertheles hys great ambition, and most detestable malitious and trayterous purpose, thyn-
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king by tumult and violence, openly to achieve that thing which by sleight he could not secretly compass, travailed with your Majesty, being yet for your tender years not able to conceive his falshood, by craftie and subtil and traitorous meanes and perswasions, having also prepared about your grace by corruption, sundry persons, to be instrumentes to helpe forwarde all his naughty trayterous purposes, to have caused your grace at his contemplation, to have written a bill or letter of your Majesties owne hand, to your highe court of Parliament, desiring the same thereby to be good unto the sayd Lord Seymour, in suche suites and matters as he should open and declare unto them, which bill or letter, the said Lord Admirall thought and determined. not onely in his own person to have brought into the nether house of your sayde Court of Parliament, but also to have likewise opened the same in the hygher house, having in bothe the same houses laboured, stirred, and moved a number of persones to take part and ioyne with him, in such thinges as he would set forth and enterprise, whereby he thought to breede suche a tumult, uprore and sedition, aswell in the said court, as in the whole realme, as by the troubling of the whole state and body of this your realme, he might the more easily and easely bring to passe his most fearefull, devillische and noughtye purpose: For the more sure and certaine compassing whereof, like as he feared not to say to certaine noble men and others, that he would make the blackest Parliament that ever was sene here in England, so most traitorously for the further accomplishment of his leude enterprise, he retained a great nombre of men, and prepared a great furniture of weapons and habilimentes of warre, ready for the execution of his sayde trayterous attemptes. And to colour and cloke his saide mischevous purposes, did by all suche wayes and meanes as he coude possibly devise and imagine, practise as it were for his entry towarde the same, to seke and attaine the government of your moste noble person, and thereby to have gotten into his handes the order of your realmes and dominions: Whereunto he aspired in such sorte, as he did even then travaill expressely with the most part of your highnes most honorable Counsaill, to helpe hym to the sayd government, doying likewise all that he could in the Parliament by himselfe, his servauntes, and ministers, not onely to hinder and let all thynges there preponed, which touched the honour, suretie, and benefite of your Majesty, and the Realme: But also spreadyng abroad sondry flanders touchyng your Majesties person, your dearest Uncle the said Lord Protector, and the whole state of your Counsaill, over vile, dangerous, and vnnmete to be here resited, which thinges being by the goodness of God reveled, as your sayd Uncle the Lord Protector could not chuse, but hartely lament the saide Lord Admirals evill, malicious, and corrupte disposition, chiefly in respect of the apperaunce and irreparable danger, whyche was lyke by the same presentlye to have ensued to your Majesty, and to your realmes and dominions: and secondly, for
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that he was by proximity of blood so nerely toynd vnto him. So hoping that by good aduertisementes and counsailes, he might yet recouer and saue him, and by the grace of God cause him to cast awaye his naughtie, vile, and ambitious dispositon, and to haue had a better consideration hereafter to his duty, both to God and vnto your Maiestie, wherunto he was most bounden: The said Lord Protector laboured with the whole counsaile, and otherwise to reconcile and reforme him, whiche presently must els haue perished in his folly and outrage. And albeit the said Lord Protector had then perfite knowledge of al the attemptes, and misbehauours of the said Admiral before rehearsed. And that the saide Admirall had then said that he would not come at the saide Lord Protector and Counsaile, although they sent for him, and that he would not be committed to any warde for his doynges by the best of them, whereby it appered that he thought his party strong inoughe to resist your Maiesties power and ordinary auctoritie: Yet the said Lord Protector, not ceassing with al clemencie to folow his godly and charitable purpose, did not onely vse al the good meanes he could deuise by the persuasions of certain of your graces counsaile and otherwise, to frame him to the amendement of his euils, and so to bring him to the better remembraunce of his dutie, but also considering that if the matter should haue growen to extremitie, being so nere, and so much bounde to your Maiestie, beyng nowe come to your Kingdome, your subiectes not altogether left in the best concord for matters of Religion, great slander, tumulte, and daunger might haue ensued thereby, as wel here at home in your Realme, as from some outward partes, with whom you were in the warre, and in some secreete enmity ready to entre the warres, thought it with the aduise of your whole Counsaile, most mete and surest for your Maiestie to passe his euill doings ouer in silence, and in some what the more in respect of the better stape, for the time of your present estate, to brydle him with your liberalitie, and therefore to geue vnto him landes to the yerely value of. liii. C. pound trusting thereby and by such other good meanes as were vsed toward him, to encourage and moue him to leaue for euer that ambition & sedicious minde and to liue in suche order as mighte haue pleased God, and serued your Maiestie, and your publike weale: But al this notwithstanding, the deuill who had before planted that vile and euill weede so depely in his harte, that the roote of the same could not be clerely pulled out, but caused hys ambition eftsones to sprynge, and shewe it selfe more rankely then it had done before. For it playnly appeareth that he taried not long in his disabled good mode and promise, but began a fresh to imagine compasse, and deuise for the satisfiing of his traiterous desire, to make a party, faction and confederation, whereof he would be the head, and did not onely get as manye rules and offices into hys handes of all mennes, as he coulde possiblye attayne, and retayned manye Gentlemen, and Women into hys seruice, makynge a full accompt and reconyng, whych he declared secretly

to some of his familiars, that he was thereby able of his owne rules, re-
 nantes and seruantes to make ten thousand men, for the obteyning of
 hys sayde purpose, for whose wages he had also deuised after ten thou-
 sand poundes by the moneth, out of your Maiesties mynte at Wynd-
 sol, which he had obtayned with all your treasure in the same, by the mea-
 nes and consent of Syr William Sherington knight, Vicetreasurer,
 there to be at his commaundement: Whiche sir William now standeth
 attainted of treason. And had also put your Graces Castle of the
 Holt, whereof he had the keeping, even now of late in a readynes, and
 there caused to be prepared a great furniture of Wheat, Malt, Beeffes,
 and a great masse of money, for the feeding and entertainment of a num-
 ber of menne, whiche moneye he caused to be leuied and taxed halfe the
 yere before the same was due, byuting also for the better achyving of his
 purpose, and to amase therewith the more the people, that your Maie-
 stie, whom God long preserve vnto vs, shoulde be dead: But also he la-
 boured sundry of your nobles, and other your graces subiectes, to ioyne
 with hym, diuisyng wyth diuers of theym, howe, and by what policie,
 wayes, and meanes they shoulde make themselves strong in theyr Coun-
 tries, for that purpose, and how they shoulde bypne vnto them the head
 yomen, and ring leaders of the common people, declaring how he ment
 to haue matched and set one noble man against such another noble man
 as he thought he coulde neuer compasse and wyne, to assent to hys fac-
 tion and false conspiracie, promising to diuers of them sundry benefites
 yea takyng so muche vpon him, for the accomplishment of his sayd tray-
 terous entent and purpose, as he spared not to promise your moste excel-
 lent person in mariage, to a noble mans daughter of this your Realme.
 And yet not contented herewith, for the further auancement of hys
 moste noughtye and trayterous purpose, dyd trayterously and vnnatu-
 rally practise, even with your highnes owne persone, to make your most
 excellent Maiestie (for your tender yeares vnable to vnderstande hys
 false and trayterous purposes) an instrument towarde the vndoyng
 and destruction of your highnes, and the subuersion of the whole state of
 this your Graces Realme: perswadyng your Maiestie as in
 hym dyd lye, not onely to take vpon you now in your younge and ten-
 der age, the rule and ordre of your selfe, entendyng and meanyng by
 the colour thereof, to take in hys handes, your moste Royall persone
 the rules, and orders of all the affaires of your Realme, and domini-
 ons, beyng alreadye by the sayde Lorde Protector, with the aduise of
 your graces most honorable Counsaill, as well prudently, and politikely
 gouerned, as valiauntly and nobly defended, against outward enemies,
 to the encrease of your immortall fame and honoz: But also to con-
 ceale, and engendre an hatred in your most noble harte and agaynst your dearest
 Uncle the sayde Lorde Protector, and all your true and faythful Coun-
 sailours, to the whiche hys deuillische perswasions and assaults, God

gave your highnes, even at this age, to the great reioyce of all vs your
 faythfull subiectes and seruauntes, a speciall grace to resiste, aboue com-
 men reason and all expectation, and most graciously without any aduise
 or counsaile, to refuse and denye his euill aduertisements and perswa-
 sions. And further the sayd Admirall did most falsely and trayterously
 corrupt sundry of your highnes priuy Chamber with manye gistes and
 other wise, to the intent they should moue and procure your Maiestie, to
 write sundry letters at his or theyr deuises, and to put into your graces
 head, a special and a singuler fauour, affection, and trust towards hym,
 and a disposition to folow whatsoeuer he would haue wrought towar-
 des al others, that he might the rather haue compassed his moste trayte-
 rous purpose, which must nedes haue tended to your Maiesties destructi-
 on (which God forbid) and to the better ruine of al vs, your highnes most
 louing, faithfull, and obedient Subiectes: For most gracious soueraigne
 Lord, besides al this it is most euident and apparant, that as immediat-
 ly after the King your fathers deathe of most noble memoire, he bare a
 special loue and fauour to your graces sifter the Lady Elizabeth, second
 persone in the remaynder of the state of succession to the Crowne of this
 Realme after your Maiestie, and the heyres of your body, whom the ly-
 uing God long preserve vnto vs, with encrease of much fruit, and wold
 then of his great presumption and trayterous determination, haue mar-
 ried her, if he coulde by anye meane haue brought to passe the same, but
 that he was stayed by the sayd Lord Protector, and other of your gra-
 ces Counsaile: So he did not onely continue in his sayde determination
 towarde her, in the Quene his late wyues time, but also by diuers se-
 crete and craftie meanes and practises, continually sought by achuyng
 of the same sithens the Quenes death, as by sundrye wayes is confessed,
 and appeareth. In so much as the same being perceined by your said de-
 arest vnckle, and some other besides of your Counsaile, and other persona-
 ges of reputation, and the sayd Admirall by them earnestlye aduiled to
 beware of it, and to forbear his pretended purpose, speciallye for that it
 coulde not be but daungerous to your graces persone, he hath not bene
 afrayde to defende hys naughtye doynge and purpose in it, and to aske
 why he shoulde not continue his suite towarde the sayde Lady Eliza-
 beth, with sundry other wordes, declaryng hys full entent and determi-
 nation to it, and neglectyng all good aduises, reasons and admonitions,
 made, geuen, or alleged, contrary to his purpose, he hath secretly and ear-
 nestly folowed it, in suche sorte, as if sundrye other his mischeuous deu-
 ses and practises, had not appered, and come to knowledge, it is euident,
 that he would haue done, what he coulde, secretly to haue married her, as
 he dyd the late Quene, whom it may appere he married fyrste, and after
 sued to your Maiestie, and the Lord Protector, and your Counsaile, for
 his preferment to it, whom neuerthelesse it hath bene crediblye declared,
 he holpe to her ende, to haste forwarde hys other purpose. But what
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this marriage of your said sister with his prepared forces and confederacies shoulde meane, and what the gettinge of the rule and order of your Maesties Mynte at Bristoll, into his handes, wyth ten thousand men, whiche besides all his frendes and diuers retelgners, he accompted hym selfe furnished of, and able to make at all times wythin his owne rules and of hys owne seruauntes and tenauntes shoulde tende vnto, for the wages and entertaunmentes of whom he had prepared, as is aforesaid, considering that the sayd Admirall at all times when occasion of the seruice of your Maestie was necessarye or requisite, went alwayes backe and refused to take it vpon hym, whether it were by Sea or Lande, as your graces Counsaill both know, and diuers times haue lamented, and in that case trauailed with him (in bayne) to byng hym vnto it, whereby no good minde or will of hym towarde your Maesties safetie, or assurance can appere. And vpon all these sinister wayes and meanes, what his corrupt and subtle attemptes of getting your most noble person into hys handes, by colour whereof he might haue wrought what he woulde and whatsoener his ambitious entent could haue deuised, with hys preparations of victualles and money, and other hys sayd doynges at your sayd graces Castle of the Holte, and in the parties thereaboutes, would haue wrought in the ende, specially in this tender age of your highnes, and whylest your Maestie is in the gouernement of a Protector: It is feareful to consider and thinke vpon, and cannot other wise be taken, but to be in deede moze then a manifest declaration of a trayterous aspying to your Crowne of this Realme, and to be king of the same, and an open dede and act, and a false and trayterous compasse and imagination to depose, and depriue your Maestie from your royall estate, and title of your Realmes, and to compasse and imagine the death of your most noble person, and most trayterously to take away, and destroye all thinges, whych shoulde haue sounded to the let and impediment of his most trayterous and ambitious enterpryse.

And further gracious soueraigne Lord to declare the trayterous disposition of his nature, and how litle he cared to offend your graces lawes and how he did yet lesse regard his truth and duty towarde your grace, Where William Sharrington knight, late of London the .x. day of July in the first yere of your graces reigne, hath in the countie and citie of Bristoll, falsely and trayterously forged and counterfaited certayne of your graces roygne, and further embeseled and purloyned from your Maestie vntreuly and falsely at the least the summe of .xl. M. poundes: for parte whereof the same Sir William Sharrington vpon hys owne confession is attainted of treason, according vnto your graces lawes, to which said trayterous actes, the sayd Lord Admirall dyd not onely abbet and procure the same Sir William Sharrington, labouring him that he shoulde get as muche money from time to tyme into his handes for hys purpose as he coulde, so that he might ever haue a good masse in a readynes, but also

also sithe the time of the saide treasons and trayterous actes, so done by the said sir William Sharrington: The said Lorde Admirall hauing perfect knowledge therof, as well by the declaration of the most part of your highnes Counsaill, as by some of his owne counsaill learned, hath trayterously comforted, ayded, assisted, and maynteyned the sayde sir William Sharrington, in hys sayde trayterous Acte and fautes agaynst your graces lawes and Statutes of thys Realme, takyng the patent, indentures, bookes and reconinges of the same sir William Sharrington, of his owne aucthoritie into his custody, and affirmyng both to sundrye of your graces Counsaill, and to diuers of your Subiectes, that the sayde Sharrington had wrong to be committed, deuiling al the waies he could possiblye, contrarye to his dutie and alleageaunce, trayterously to beare him in his euill and trayterous doynges, and to deliuer hym, if he by any meanes might haue comen by him.

And for a further profe to induce that the said Admiral did maintaine and comfort the same Sharrington, where the said Admiral ought to the said Sharrington. ii. M. viii. C. pound, the said Sharrington vpon a mistrust which he had befoze his apprehension, that he should for his fault & procedinges come one day to his trial and examination, communicating the same with the sayde Lorde Admirall, the sayd Admirall agreed and promised, not onelye to ayde and mayntaine, and beare him to the uttermost of his power, as in dede he did bothe, as is aforesayd, and in consulting with learned men for him, and otherwise: But also for his more assured ayde, beyng indebted to the said Sharrington the summe of. ii. M. viii. C. pound, vntreuly conspired with the sayd Sharrington vpon a bill, whereby it appeared that the said Sharrington should owe vnto him the somme of. ii. M. pounde with interestes, so as the sayd Admirall myghte helpe & relieue him with that. ii. M. pound, with the interest at your maiesties hand, as a debt vnto him selfe. And also with. ii. M. viii. C. pound which the said Admiral ought in dede to the sayd Sharrington, amounting in the whole to. v. M. vi. C. pounde, which bill most vntreuly and to the open mayntenaunce and fauour of the sayde Sharrington, the sayde Lorde Admirall affirmed befoze the sayd Lorde protector and your highnes Counsaill, to be a true bill and the same. ii. M. viii. C. pound with the interest to be his iust debt, and so was taken, vntill the said Sharrington himselfe confessed and affirmed the truth, whereby the coun and falsched playnly appeared to the contrary.

Finallye most gracious soueraigne Lorde, it were to muche and over tedious to molest and trouble your excellent Maiestie, either with the remembraunce of his euill doynges in his office of the Admiraltie, wherein he hath so manifestly receipted, maintained, ayded and comforted sundry pirates, and taken to his owne vse the goodes piratously taken agaynst your lawes, and expresselye agaynst the orders determined by the Lorde Protector and the whole Counsaill, wherunto his own hand hath bene

for the restitution of them: wherby he hath moued, almoste all Princes Christian, to conceiue a grudge and displeasure, and by open warres, to seke remedies at theyr owne handes to the great trouble, and daungier, of your maiestie, your realmes, and dominions, and to the greate charge losse, and disquiet of your moste louinge, and faythfull subiectes, and to the peryll of breaking of the Leagues, and treaties of amitie, betwixte your maiestie and other fozen princes, as their Ambassadors, here haue plainly declared, and as present experience teacheth. Or to expresse hys innumerable vntruthes, falshodes, and deceitfull practises, dyscouerynge and openynge of your Maiesties counsailes, refusall to serue your hyghnes, as he hath bene commaunded, oppression, and manifeste extorcion, of your maiesties subiectes vsynge Allande, and other voyages by the sea: and his determination of reuenge towarde all men, with whom he was offended, which his owne letters, and other testymonies, do declare against him with a full resolution, to haue put the whole of hys intent, shortly in experience and execution, if God had not preuented it, to the destruction of your moste royall persone, and the subuercyon, and alteration of the whole state of your realmes, and dominions: Wherefore considering, as well that he is a member so vnnaturall, vnkynde and corrupt, and suche a heinous offendor, of your maiestie, and your lawes, as he cannot, nor maie conuenientlye be suffered to remayne in the body of your graces common wealth, but to the extreme daunger, of your hyghnes, beyng the hedde, and of all the good members of the same, and is so pernicious, and daungerous an example, that suche a persone, so muche bounde and so forgetfull of it, so mercifully heretofore entreated, and by sondre and greate benefytes allured, and called, and so cruellye, and ingrately, continuynge in hys false and trayterous intentes and purposes, agaynste your hyghnes, and the whole estate of your Realme, should remaine among vs.

I T maye therefore please, your excellent maiestie, that it may be enacted, woth your hyghnes assent, the Lordes spiritual and temporall, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritye of the same: That thesaied Syr Thomas Seymour knyght, Lord Seymour of Sudley, hyghe Admirall of England, for thesaied trayterous offences, and dedes, shalbe by the aucthoritye of this present Parliament, adiudged, and attainted, of hyghe treason. And that thesaie Syr Thomas Seymour knight lord Seymour of Sudley, hyghe Admirall of Englande, shall, haue, suffer, and susteine, suche paynes of deathe, as in cases of hygh treason, haue been vsed, and accustomed. And also that thesaied Lord Seymour of Sudley, shall forfeit, and lose, to your maiesty, and your heires, all suche Castelles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Medowes, lewes, pastures, woddes, waters, reues, reuercions, seruitces, offyces, fees, annuities, and al other hereditamentes, gooddes, cattalles, and debtes, whatsoeuer thesaie Lord Seymour had, enioyed, or was

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seized, or possessed of, at the .xvii. daie of Januarie, in the seconde yere of your graces reigne, or at any time sence.

And that all suche Castles, Manours, Landes, tenementes, meadowes, lewes, pastures, wodes, waters, rentes, reuercions, seruyces, offices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes, to be, by auctoritie of thys presente acte, adiudged, bested, and demed, in the actuall and reall possession of your highnes from the sayde .xvii. day of January, wythout any office or inquisition, to be there of had or founde, sauynge to all and euery persone, and persones, and bodie politique and corporate, and to their heires, assignes, and successours, and to euery of them other the the said Lord Seimour of Sudley, and hys heires, al suche rightes, titles interestes, vles, possessions, reuercions, remainders, entrees, condycions leasses, fees, offices, rentes seruyces, rentes charges, rentes secke, Annuities, commons, and all other commodities, profites, and hereditamentes whatloeuere they, or any of them, had, might, or ought to haue had, if thys present act had neuer ben had, nor made.

Furthermore the kynges Maiesty is pleased, that it be enacted, that all persone and persones, bodie politique, and corporate, and theyre executours, and administrators, shalbe well & truly contented, & payde, vpon theyr humble sute, and petition, hereafter to be made, vnto his highnesse, of all suche debtes, whyche eyther by specialtie, or by any other iuste, and true contract, the said Lord Admirall did owe to them, or any of theym at any tyme befoze the sayde .xvii. day of January, in the said seconde yere of his maiesties reigne.

The .xix. Chapter.

**An acte for the abstynence
from fleche.**



Albeit, the kynges subiectes, now hauynge a moze perfect, and clere lyght of the Gospel, and true woorde of God thzoughe the infinite mercye, and clemencie of almyghtye God, by the handes of the Kynges Maiesty, and hys mozte noble father, of famous memorye, promulgate, shewed, declared, and opened, and thereby perceyvinge that one daye, or one kynde of meate, of it selfe is not moze holy, moze pure, or moze cleane then another, for that all dayes, and all meates, be of theyr nature of one equall puritie, clenness, and holynes, and that all men should by theym lyue, to the glozy of God, and at all tymes, and for all meates, geue thanckes vnto him, of whiche meates none can defile Christian men, or make them vn-cleane at any tyme. to whom all meates be lawfull and pure, so that they bee not vled in disobedpence, or vice: Yet forasmuche, as diuerse of the Kynges subiectes, turning their knowledge therein, to satysfy theyr sensualityte, where they shoulde thereby encrease in vertue, haue of late tyme moze then in tymes past, broken, and contempned suche Abstynence, whiche

whiche hath bene bled in this Realme, vpon the fridays and Satur-
daies, the Embringe daies, and other daies, commonly called Vigiles,
and in the tyme commonly called Lent, and other accustomed times: the
Kinges maiestie considerynge, that due and godly abstinence, is a meane
to vertue, and to subdue mennes bodies, to their soule & spirit, and con-
sidering also specially that fishers and men vsinge the trade of luyngge,
by fpyshinge in the Sea, maye thereby the rather, bee set on worke, and
that by eatynge of fische, muche fleshe shalbe saued and increased, and
also for diuerse other considerations and commodities of thys Realme,
dothe ordeyne and enacte, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and
Temporall and Commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and
by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all maner of statutes, lawes, consti-
tutions, and vsages, concerninge anye maner of fasting, or abstinence
from any kyndes of meates, heretofore in this realme made or bled shall
from the firste day of May nexte ensynge, lose theyr force and strength,
and be voyde, and of none effecte. And also that no persone or persones,
of what estate, degre, or condition, he or they be, shall at any time, after the
saied firste daye of Maye, in the yere of oure Lorde God. M. D. xlix. wyl-
lynglye and wyttynglye, eate anye maner of fleshe, after what maner of
kynd or sort, it shalbe ordeyed, dressed, or bled, vpon anye frydaye, or Sa-
turdaye, or the Embringe daies, or in anye daye, in the time commonlye
called Lente, nor at anye suche other daye as is, or shalbee at anye tyme
hereafter commonlye accepted and reputed as a fische daye, within thys
Realme of Englande, whererein it hath bene commonlye bled for to eate
fische, and not fleshe, vpon paine that every persone, eatinge any maner
of fleshe, vpon anye of the saied daies or times, prohibited by thys acte,
to forfett for thesaied firste offence tenne shyllynge, of lawfull money of
Englande, and also to suffer emprisonment, by the space of tenne dayes,
and durynge the time of his, or her saied emprisonment, to absteyne from
eatinge of any maner of fleshe.

AND if any persone, after he shalbe lawfully conuict of anye offence
contrary to this acte, do eftsones offend, contrary to this act, and be there-
of lawfully conuict, that then every person so offendinge, the second time,
shall for hys seconde offence, forfeyt. xx. s. of lawfull money of England,
and also suffer emprisonment, by the space of. xx. daies, and durynge the
tyme of hys, or her saied emprisonment, to absteyne from eatinge of anye
maner of fleshe, and so like paine and emprisonment, as often as he or she
afterwarde shall offende.

AND furthermore, it is ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie a-
foresaid, that Iustices of Gaole deliuerie, or Iustices of Peace, in all
and singuler Counties, Cities, townes corporate, and other places with-
in this realme of England, and other the kynges dominions, shall haue
full power and aucthoritie, to enquire, heare, and determine, all and all
maner offences, that shalbe committed or doen, contrarie to this act. in

lyke maner and fourme, as they may inquire, heare, and determyne any trespas or other offence, against the kinges peace, comitted or doen, wpyth in the limites or place, where they then shalbe Justices of Gaole delivery, or Justices of Peace. And the moptye of every suche forfeyture, shalbe extreated into the Courte of the chequer, in like maner and forme, as fines for any trespas, or other offence, comitted against the kinges peace, ought or should be extreated: And the other moptye of the sayde forfeyture shalbe to hym that wpyll sue for the same, by byll, plainte, informacion, or otherwise, in any of the kynges Courtes of Record, in whiche no eslopyne protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it ordeyned and enacted, by thau-
thoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in anywise extend, to any person or persons, that heretofore hath, or here-
after shall have obtained, any lycence of our soueraigne lord the kyng
his heires or successors, nor to any person beyng in great age, and in de-
bilitie, and weakenes thereby, nor to any person beyng sicke, or notably
hurt, without fraude or coun, duringe the tyme of his or her sayed sick-
nes, nor to any womā being with childe, or lying in child bed, for eatynge
of suche one kynde of fleshe, as she shall have greute lust vnto, nor to any
person being in prison, for any other offence, then for any offence, contrary
to this acte, neither to any that is or hereafter shalbe the kinges highnes
lieutenānt, deputie, or capitā of any his maiesties army, Holde, or for-
tresse, but the same, theimselfes may eate fleshe, and lycence and permyt
their souldiours, to do the same in tymes prohibited, vpon the want and
lacke of other kynde of bitaill, neither shall extende to Saint Laurence
euen, saynt Markes daye, or any other day or euen, beyng abrogat, nei-
ther to any suche, as heretofore have obtained any lycence, in due forme,
of the Archebyschop of Cantorbury.

AND further, be it enacted, by auctoritie aforesaid, that al Arch-
byschoppes, Byschoppes, Archdeacons, and their officers, or the officers
of any of them, shall have power to inquire, of the offenders, in the pre-
misses, and presente the same to suche from tyme to tyme, as by vertue of
this act, have auctoritie to heare, and determine the same.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that no maner of persone
or persones, be empeched, molested, or troubled, or shall incurre any pain,
penaltie, or forfeyture, for any offence contrary to the act, before rehearsed,
comitted or done except he or they be accused, conuicted or Indycted,
of, and for the sayed offence, accoordinge to the tenor of this statute, wpythin
iii. monethes, next after the committing of the sayed offence.

The .xx. Chapter.

**An act, for the qualifynge of the
statute, of Recusantes.**

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Where in the Parliament holden upon prorogation at Westminster the .iii. daye of Nouembre, in the .xxvi. yere of the reigne of the moste excellent pryncce Kinge Henry the eyght, father to our souereygne Lorde the kynges maiesty, that now is, emonges othet thinges concerning the payment of one annual pention of the tenth part of all possessions of the Church, spiritual, and tempoꝛall, graunted to the kynges highnes and hys heires, it was enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed, that euerye Ecclesiasticall persone, and other, hauynge any Ecclesiastycall promotion, or dignitie, specified in thesaied acte, whiche dyd not duly pay thesaied tenth part, and by reason therof, were certified by tharchebishop, Bishop, or othet aucthorized in thesaied acte, shoulde vpon suche certificat made, accordyng to the tenour of thesaied acte, bee iudged, depꝛyued Ipso facto, of all such dignities, and promotions spirituall, that any suche incumbente makinge such default, had at the time of suche certificat made, or at any time after, as by thesaied acte moze plainly may appere: Forasmuch as the pain limited in thesaied statute, in suche forme and maner, as in thesame is expꝛessed, is very soꝛe and dangerous, vnto all the kynges faythfull & obedient subiectes of the clergie, wherof dyuers sithen the makynge of thesaied statute, entendyng none otherwise, then most willyngly, & with good hart that payment shoulde be made, of thesaied tenthes by theym due, without fraud, or delay, to suche officers, & at suche tyme as by thesaied statutes is appointed, and declared, by the default, & negligence of their fermors, & other whom they haue trusted, to make payment thereof and by dyuerse other sinister meanes, beyng certified, or makynge default of payment, haue encurred the pain, and daunger of thesaied statute wyth the losse, or depꝛiuations, of all the spirituall promotions, whereof they were then incumbentes, beyng also made vnhable, to take any othet to the vtter vndoynge of suche persones, and the like peryll and daungier of many othet the kynges most humble, and faithfull subiectes, of the clergie, against whom the like thinges may be practised, and attempted hereafter: for the moderation of which peine, and to thende that the kynges maiesty, our souereigne lord, that now is, and his heires, and successors, may be truely answered, and satisfied, of thesaied persly Percyon, or Annuall Rente of the tenth parte, vnited, and knitte, to hys Imperyall corone, in maner and fourme, as in thesaied acte, is conteyned.

The Kinges said faithfull, and most obedient subiectes, the Clergye of this realme, do most humbly beseeche his Maiesty, that it may bee enacted, and establisshed, by his hyghnes, the Lordes spirituall, and Tempoꝛall, and the Communes in this presente Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame: That if any somme of thesaied Annuall Percyon, being once due, and demaunded, accordyng to the maner and fourme specified in thesaied Acte, be not truely contented and paid vnto suche

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Archebyschop, or byschop, or their ministers, and offycers, or to suche other persone or persones, or their ministers, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge and Collection thereof, euery yere yerely, at the tyme of thesayde acte expressed, and therupon certifiat made, into the kynges Maiesties Court of firste frutes and Tenthes, in wytyng vnder the scales, of any Archebyschoppe, or Byschoppe, or of such as be limited, and charged to the Collection of thesayd pencion, by thesayd former acte, then euery Incumbente so makynge defaulte and certified, shalbe iudged depzued ipso facto, of that onelye dignitie, benefice, or other Ecclesiastycall promotion by what name soeuer it be called, whereof suche certificate shalbee made. So that suche dignitie, benefice, or other Ecclesiastical promotion, wher of any incumbent makynge suche default of payment, shalbee adiudged, depzued, as is aforesaid, shalbe clerely boyde, destitute of incumbent, in the lawe, to all ententes, and purposes, as yf suche Incumbent, makynge suche defaulte of paimente, were dedde in dede: And that no Incumbent makynge suche default of payment, shalbe therfore made vnable, to take, or enioy any other benefice, or promotion spyrtyuall, or incurre any penaltie, forfeiture, or losse, to be payde by theym, their executors, or assignes, for thesame default, other then in thys presente acte is herebefore expressed, any thyng in thesayde former acte, or any other statutes, or actes, contened to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, that thesayd former act, concerning the paymente of thesayd yerely rent, and pencion, amounting to the Tenth parte of euery suche dignitie, benefice, or promotion spirytual, and euerye other act touching thesame, & al articles, clauses & sentences in the or any of them, mencioned, expressed, or contened, nowe beyng in hys, or their force, and effect, other then suche as by this present act be alredye qualifed, or moderated, shall stande and abyde in all his, or their ful strength, effect and vertue, any thing in this present act contened notwithstanding.

¶ The .xxi. Chapiter.

¶ An act to take away all positive Lawes, made against the mariage of Priestes.



Although it were not onelye better, for the estimatyon of Priestes, and other ministers in the Church of God to liue chaste, sole, and seperate from the companie of women, and the bonde of Mariage, but also thereby they myghte the better intende to the administration of the Gospell, and be lesse intricated and troubled with the charge of householde beyng free and vnburdened, from the care and coste of synnyng wyfe and childzen: And that it were most to be wysshed, that they woulde wplyngly and of their selues, endeavour themselfe to a perpetuall chastyete, and

and abstinence, from the vse of women: yet soasmuche as the contrarye
 hath rather bene sene, and suche vncleannes of lyuing, and other greates
 inconueniences, not mete to be reherced haue folowed of compelled cha-
 stitie, and of suche lawes, as haue prohibited those (suche persones) the
 Godly vse of mariage: It were better and rather to bee suffered in the
 commune wealthe, that those whiche coulde not conteine, shoulde after
 the counsaile of Scripture, lyue in holye maryage, then feynedlye abuse
 with woyle enozmisse outwarde chastytie, or synge lyfe: Be it therefore
 enacted by our Souereygne Lorde the Kynge, with the assent of the Lordes
 spirituall, and temporall, and the Communes in thys present Par-
 liament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that all and eue-
 ry Lawe, and Lawes, Positiue, Cannones, Constitutions, and Ordina-
 naunces, heretofore made by aucthoritie of manne onelye, whiche dothe
 prohibite, or forbidde mariage to any Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall per-
 sone or persones, of what estate condiclon, or degree they bee, or by what
 name, or names soeuer they bee called, whiche by Goddes Lawe maye
 lawfully marye, in all and euery article bzaunche, and sentence, concer-
 ninge onelye the prohibition for the maryage of the persones aforesayde
 shalbee vtterly voyde, and of none effect. And that all maner of Forfey-
 tures, peines, penalties, crimes, or Actions, which wer in the said lawes,
 conteyned, and of the same vydde folowe, concernynge the prohibicion
 for the maryage of the persones aforesaid, be clerely, and vtterly voyde,
 frustrate, and of none effect, to all ententes, constructions, and purpo-
 ses, aswell concernynge Marriage, heretofore made, by any of the Eccle-
 siasticall, or Spirituall persones aforesayde, as also suche whiche here-
 after shalbe duely and lawfully hadde, celebrate, and made, betwixte the
 persones, whiche by the lawes of God, may lawfully mary.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid that
 thys acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shal not extende, to geue any
 liberry to any person, to mary without asking in the Church, or without
 any ceremony, beyng appoynted by the Ordre prescribed and setfurthe in
 the booke entitled, *The booke of the Commune prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes.* or
 any thinge aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this
 acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shal not extend to alter, chaunge, re-
 uoke, repel, or otherwysse to disanull any decre, iudgement, sentence, or
 deuorice hertofore had, or made, but that all and euery such decre, iudge-
 ment sentence, and deuorice, shal remaine, and be of suche lyke force, ef-
 fect, strength, and degre, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as
 they were in, befoze the making of this acte, and as though the thys

acte hadde neuer bene hadde ne made: Thys acte, or any

other thyng therein conteyned to the con-

trary, in any wise, not-

withstanding.

The

The .xxii. Chapter.

**An Acte for the colouryng
of Customes in other
mennes names.**



Here at the Parlyament holden at Westmyster, in the firste yere of the reygne, of the noble kynge of famous memozye, Henrye the eyghte, it was ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by the aucthorpyte of thesaied parliament, that it shoulde be lesfull from thence furthe, that euerye Englysheman, and all other the kynges subiectes myghte in euerye Porte, or Hauen within thys Realme of Englande, Irelande and Wales, and the Marches of thesame, and in the Towne of Barwyke, where it shoulde happen, any Merchaundysse, to arryue, or to bee charged and carryed oute, to custome in hys name, all maner of goodes, and Merchaundysse, of another Englysheman, or the kynges subiect. And in lyke forme euerye Merchaunt Straunger, to Custome in hys name any goodes, or Merchaundise, of any other Merchaunt Straunger, so that thesaide Merchaunt Straunger, that Customes the goodes, of another Merchaunt Straunger, and the very owner or Proprietarie, of the goodes so Customed, be charged wyth lyke Custome, Subsidie, and other thinges, so that the kynges grace, were not defrauded of his right. And if any Merchaunt, Straunger, or Denison, or any other the kynges subiecte, Custome any goodes, or Merchaundise, of any other Straunger, or Denizen, or of any other the kynges Subiecte, whereby the kynges grace shoulde lose his Custome, Subsidie, or other his ryght, or duty, that then thesaide Merchaunt Straunger, or Denizen, or any other the kynges Subiect, that so taketh vpon hym, or them to do, shoulde forfeit to the kyng, the goodes, or Merchaundise so Customed, and ouer that to forfeite to the partie, or parties in that behalfe grieved, as muche money as the goodes, or Merchaundise, of the Merchaunt Straunger, Denison or other the kynges subiecte, so cautelously Customed, amounted vnto. And that no citizen of London, or other the kynges subiectes inhabiting in the cinque Portes, or any other beyng fre of Prylage, or Butlarage, of Wines, by Graunt, Custome, or other wise, shoulde Custome no Wines, of any persone, or persones, not beyng fre of any Prylage, or Butlarage. And if any person, fre of thesaied Prylage, or Butlarage so dyd that then thesaied person, or persones, that so dyd, shoulde forfeit to the kyng, the double value of the Prylage of thesaied Wines so Customed. And further that it shoulde be lawfull to any person, or persones grieved contrary to thesaide act, to haue an accion of debt, againe any person, or persones

persones that so customed the goodes, or Marchaundises in hys name, and not in the owners name, of the some of the value, of the sayde merchandys, so customed and forseynted. In the which action, none esoyne nor proteccion should lye, nor the defendaunt to wage hys law, as by the said former acte, moze at large doth appere. Sithens the makynge of whiche acte, diuerse persones, as well straungers, and Denisons, as the kynges subiectes forgettynge their bounden duties, to the kynges hyghnes, and nothynge fearynge the penalties, and forseyntures, mencyned in the sayde former act, doo dayly deceiue the kyng, as well in his customes, and subledies, by payment of customes and subledies, in the names of suche persones, other then suche as be the very owners, or proprietaries of the goodes, wares, and merchandise, of the prisage and Butlarage of Wines due to the kyng: wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in thys present Parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that yf any straunger borne, Denisen or not Denisen, or any the kynges subiectes, dooe at any tyme, from, or after the last daie of Marche next comynge, any thyng or act, contrary to the true meaning, tenor, and purpote, of the same former acte and statute, that then he and they so offendynge, shall lose and forseynt, all his and their owne goodes, and cattalles, personalles, for euer: The moytie of whiche forseynture, shalbe to the kyng, and the other moytie to him or the that wyll sue for the same, by bill, plaint, action of debte, or informacion, in whiche bill, plainte, action, or informacion, no wager of lawe, esoyne or proteccion, shalbe admitted or allowed.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, by the auctorite abovesated that every suche bill, plaint, action or informacion, shalbe had and pursued, within.iii. yerres next ensuyng, any suche offence committed or doen, or els the offendor, to bee clerely free, and discharged thereof, any lawe or statute, to the contray had or made, notwithstanding.

The. xxiii. Chapter.

An acte for the repeale of a statute
touching precontractes.



Whereas in the. xxii. yere of the reygne, of the late Kyng of famous memoire, Kyng Henry the eyght, because that many inconueniencences, had chaunced in thys realme, by breakynge and dissoluinge, of good and lawfull marriages, yea, whereupon also, sometyme issue and chyldren had folowed, vnder the couloure and pretence, of a former contracte made wyth another, the whyche contracte, dynerse tymes was but verie slenderly proued, and often, but surmised by the malice of the partye, who despyed to bee desolued from the mariage whiche they liked not, and to be coupled with another: there was an acte made

made, that al and euery suche mariages, as within the Church of England, shoulde be contracted and solempnized, in the face of the Church, and consummate with bodily knowledge, or fruite of children or chylde, beinge had betwene the parties so married, shoulde be, by auctoritie of the saied Parliament, demed, iudged, and taken to be lawfull, good, iust, and indissoluble, notwithstanding any precontract, or precontractes of Matrimony, not consummate with bodily knowledge, which either of the persones so married, or bothe had made, with any other persone or persones, befoze the tyme of contractinge that mariage whiche is solempnized or consummated, or wherof suche fruite is ensued, or maie ensue, as by the same act, moze plainly may appere: With the tyme of the whiche acte, although the same was godly meant, the unrulynesse of men, hath vngodly abused the same, and diuerse inconueniences (intollerable in maner, to Christian eares and eyes) folowed therupon, women and men, breakyng their owne promises and faithes made by the one vnto the other, so let vpon sensualitie & pleasure, that if after the contract of Matrimony, they might haue, whome they moze fauored and desired, they coulde be contented, by lyghtnes of their nature, to ouerturne al that they had done afoze, and not a feard in maner, euen from the very church doore, and marriage feast, the man to take another spouse, and the espouse to take another husband, moze for bodily lust, and carnall knowledge, then for suretie of faith and truthe, or hauing God in their good remembraunce, contempninge many times also, the commaundement of the Ecclesiastycall Judge, forbidding the parties hauinge made the contract, to attempt or do any thing in preiudice of the same. Be it therefore enacted, by the kynges highnes, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that as concerninge precontractes, the saied former statute, shall from the firste daye of May next comynge, cesse, be repeled, and of no force or effecte, and be reduced, to the estate and orde of the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes of thys Realme, whiche immediately befoze the makynge of the sayde estatute, in thys case were bled in this realme: so that from the saied first daye of Maye, when any cause or contracte of mariage, is pretended to haue bene made, it shalbe lawfull to the kynges Ecclesiasticall Judge, of that place, to heare, and examyne the saied cause: And (hauing the saied contract sufficiently, and lawfullye proued befoze hym) to geue sentence for matrymonie, commaundyng solempnization, cohabitation, consummacion, and tractacion, as it becometh manne and wyfe to haue, with inflictinge all suche peynes vpon the disobedientes and disturbers thereof, as in tymes paste, befoze the sayde statute, the kynges Ecclesiasticall Judge, by the kynges Ecclesiasticall lawes, oughte, and mighte haue done, if the saied statute had neuer bene made, any clause, article, or sentence in the saied statute, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwaies, and be it enacted, that this act doo not extend

tend to disanull, dissolue, or breake, any maryage, that hath, or shalbee solemnpnized, and consumated, before thesaied first date of Maye nexte ensuing, by title, or colour, of any precontract, but that they be, and be deemed of lyke force, and effect, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as yf thys acte had neuer bene had, ne made, any thyng in thys presente act notwithstanding.

Wherupon also, that thys acte do not extende to make good any of the other causes, to the dissolution, or disanullinge of Matrimony, which be in thesaied act spoken of, and disanulled. But that in al other causes, and other thynges there mencyned, thesaied former acte, of the xxxii. yere of the late kyng of famous memozy, do stand and remain in his ful strength and power, any thing in this acte notwithstanding.

The. xliii. Chapter.

An Acte for the tryall of Murders, and Felonies, committed in severall Counties.



LAWMuche, as the moſte neceſſarye office, and due tie of Lawe, is to preſerve, and ſave the lyfe of man, and condignly to puniſhe ſuche perſons that unlawfully, and wylfully, murder, ſlea, or deſtroy menne, and alſo that another offyce, and due tie of lawe is to puniſhe robbers, and theves, which dayly endeavour themſelves, to robbe and ſteale, or geve aſſiſtance to theſame, and yet by craft, and cautele, do eſcape from theſame, without puniſhment. And where it often happeneth, and cometh in bre, in ſondrye counties of thys realme, that a man is feloniously ſtriken, in one countie, and after dyeth in another Countie, in whyche caſe it hath not be founde by the lawes, or cuſtomes of thys realme, that any ſufficient indictment therof can be taken in any of theſaid. ii. counties, for that by the cuſtome of thys realme, the Jurours of the Countie, where ſuche partye died of ſuche ſtroke, can take no knowledge of theſaid ſtroke, being in a forein Countie, although theſame two counties, and places, adioyne very nere together: Ne the Jurours of the countie wher the ſtroke was geuen, can not take knowlege of the death, in another Countie, although ſuche death moſt apparauntly, come of theſame ſtroke: So that the kynges Maieſty, within hys owne realme, cannot by any lawes yet made or knowne, punyſhe ſuche murderers, or manquellers, for offences in thys forme committed, and done, nor any appele at ſometyme may lye for theſame, but doth alſo ſayle, and theſaid murderers and manquellers eſcape therof, without puniſhment, al well in caſes, where the Counties, where ſuche offences be committed, and done, maie ioyne, as other wyſe where they maye not ioyne. And alſo, it is a common practyſe, amongeſt arrant theves and Robbers in thys Realme, that after they haue Robbed or ſtollen in one Countie, they wyl conueigh theyr ſpoyle, or parte therof ſo robbed and ſtollen, vnto ſome of theyr adherentes, into ſome other

other Countie, where the principall offence, was not committed ne doen who knowyng of suche felony, wyllynge and by false coun, receyvethe the same: In whyche case, although the principall felone, bee after attainted in the one Countie, the Accessary escapeth by reason that he was accessary in an other Countie, and that the Jurours of the sayde other Countie, by any lawe yet made, can take no knowledge of the principall felony, ne attaynded in the first Countie, and so suche accessaries escape thereof unpunished, and doo often put in bre the same, knowynge that they maye escape, without punishment: For redress and punishment of which offences, and safegarde of mannes lyfe: Bee it enacted, by authority of this presente Parlyamente, that where any persone or persones hereafter shalbe feloniously stryken, or poysoned in one Countie, and dye of the same stroke or poysoninge, in another Countie, that then an Indictment thereof founden, by Jurours of the Countie, where the death shall happen, whether it shalbe founden befoze the Crouner, upon the sight of suche ded body, or befoze the Justices of Peace, or other Justices or Commissioners, whyche shall have authority to inquire of suche offences, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, as yf the stroke or poysoning had been committed and doen in the same Countie, where the partye shall dye, or where suche Indictment shalbe so founden, any lawe or blage to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the Justices of Gaole delivery, and ^{Cyer} and ^{Terminer}, in the same Countie, where suche Indictment, at any tyme hereafter shalbe taken: And also the Justices of the kynges Benche, after suche Indictment shalbe remoued befoze them, shall and may procede upon the same, in al poyntes, as they shoulde or ought to doe, in case suche felonious stroke, and death therby ensuyng or poysonynge, and deathe thereof ensuyng, had growen all in one same Countie. And that suche partie, to whom, appele of murder, shalbe geuen by the lawe, maye commense, take, and sue appele of murder, in the same Countie, where the partie so feloniously stryken, or poysoned shal dye, as well agaynst the principall and principalles, as agaynst euery accessary to the same offences, in whatsoeuer Countie or place, the accessary or accessaries, shalbe gilty to the same. And further, the Justices befoze whom any suche appele shalbe commensed, sued and taken, within the yere and day after such murder and manslaughter, committed and doen, shall procede agaynst all and euery suche Accessary and Accessaries, in the same Countie, wher suche appele shalbe so taken, in like maner and forme, as if the same offence or offences, of accessary or accessaries, had been committed and doen, in the same Countie, where such appele shalbe so taken as well concernynge the tryall, by the Jurors or .xii. men, of suche Countie where suche appele or appeles, shalbe hereafter taken upon the plee of not gilty, pleaded by suche offendour, or offendours, as other wise.

And further, be it enacted, by authority aforesaid, that where any myrther, or felony, hereafter shalbe committed, and done, in one countie

the, and an other person or mo shalbe accessarie, or accessaries in anye maner of wise, to anye suche murther, or felonye in anye other Countie, that then an indictment founde or taken against suche accessarie and accessaries, upon the circumstance of such matter before the iustices of the peace or other Justices or Commissioners, to enquire of felonies in the Countie where such offences of accessarie, or accessaries in anye maner of wise shalbe committed or done, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, as if the said principall offence had beene committed or done within the same countie, where the same indictment against such accessary shalbe founde. And that the iustices of Gaole delivery, or Oyer and Terminer, or two of them, or, or in suche Countie, where the offence of any such accessarie shalbe hereafter committed and done, upon sute to them made, shall write to the Custos rotulorum, or keepers of the Records, where suche principall shalbe hereafter attainted, or convicted, to certifie thepm whether suche principall be attainted, convicted, or other wise discharged of suche principall felony, who upon such writing to them, or any of them directed, shall make sufficient certificat in writing under their Seale or Seales to the saide Justices, whether such principall be attainted, convicted, or other wise discharged, or not. And after that they so shall have the custodie of suche Records, do certifie that such principall is attainted, convicted, or other wise discharged of suche offence by the lawe: That then the Justices of Gaole delivery, or of Oyer and Terminer, or other there authorized, shall procede upon every suche accessarie, in the Countie where suche accessarie or accessaries became accessarie, in suche maner and fourme, as if bothe the saide principall offence, and accessarie hadde beene committed and done in the saide Countie, where the offence of accessary was, or shalbe committed or done. And that every such accessary and other offenders above expessed, shal answer upon their arraignmentes, and receiue suche trial, iudgement, orde, and execution, and suffer such forfeitures, peines and penalties, as is vled in other cases of felony, any lawe or custome to the contrary heretofore vled, in any wise notwithstanding.

The xlv. Chapter.

An act for the keepyng of the Countie daies.

Where heretofore the most part of all Shires and Counties within this Realme, the Countie court is and hath bene usually kept and holden from moneth to moneth, and so at every monethes ende one Countie, yet albeit in some Counties (though not many) the said countie courtes are holden from. vi. weekes, to. vi. weekes, by force whereof the officers awarde oute proces, aswel of the king, as proces for the peace, out of the kynges bench as also other common proces, betwixt partie and partie, and thattoztes

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and sollicitors (who sue the same) not knowinge the private custome of their perticuler shieres, whiche haue and vse their Counties to be holden euery sixe weekes, geue their proces lyke retorne as in those Shieres which haue commune custome to holde, and kepe Countye Courtes euery moneth, whereby the Kinges suites be not onely deferred, the plaintifes and demaundauntes delayed of their lawfull action and demaundes, but also the said plaintifes and demaundauntes thereby put to double coste, and charge, to the great ignominie and slander of the law, encouraging of thoffendours and transgressours, and to the continuall impouerishing of al those, who haue cause of sute.

In consideration whereof, be it enacted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lord, the Lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that from and after the first day of Octobze, next ensuing this present session of parliament, no county court or courtes, hereafter to be kept within this realme shalbe longer deferred but one moneth, from Court to Court, and so the said Courtes from henceforth shalbe kept euery moneth, and none otherwise: Any blage, custome, statute or lawe, heretofore had or made to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Shere of Northumb. from thenceforth shal kepe the County court of that Shyre in the towne or castle of Alnwyke and in none other place: Anye later vse latelye begonne and brought in to the contrary notwithstanding.

The. xxi. Chapter.

An act agaynst the carping of whyte Althes out of this Realme.



Consideringe that whyte Althes made wythin the Realme, and other the Kinges Dominions, and Territozies, are verie necessarie and expedient for the makynge of Sope, and Salte Peter, and for the whytynge of Linnen Clothe, Dyinge, and Skowynge of Wollen Clothe, and for other needefull thynges in the Realme, and that the same Althes nowe of late haue bene commonly conueyghed ouer the Seas, and thereby enhanced in Pryce, and so scarce that the Kinges lounge Subiectes cannot haue sufficient of the same for anye conuenient pzyces: Wherefore, be it ordeyned and enacted by the Kinges hyghnesse, wyth the assente of the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and of the Comyns in this presente Parlyamente assembled, and by

by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persones, after the firste daye of Aprill next comming, shall shippe, lade, carpe, or conuey, any white Althes, towards the parties beyonde the Seas, vpon payne of forfaiture of. vi. shillings. viii. d. for euery Busshel of such Althes, so to be shipped or laded, to be caried or conueighed into the parties beyond the seas: The moitie of which forfaiture, shalbe to the kinge, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, in anye of the kinges Courtes of record, by action, byll, playnt, or information, in the which action, byll, plaint, or information, no wager of law, Ellopie, or Protection, shall be admitted or allowed.

The. xxviii. Chapter.

**An act against the false forging of
Gaddes of Steele.**



Where diuers persones of late, haue deceitfullie forged and made of certeine Iron called Bilbome Iron, like to the fashion and maner of Gaddes of Steele, and haue solde the same so forged to dyuerse of the Kinges Subiectes for Steele, whereby the greatest part of edged tooles, weapons, and other necessarie things hauing edges, are of litle, or no value or goodnes, to the great hurte of the Kinges louynge Subiectes: For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the Kinges Hyghnes, by the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person after the first daye of Maye nexte comming, doo forge or make any such Gaddes of Iron, or doo bitter or put to sale, anye such Gaddes of any Iron, shall forfeit for euery Gaddes so forged or bittered, or putte to sale, foure pence, the moitie of which forfaiture shalbe to the king, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of Record, by action, byll, plaint, or information, in the which action, byll, plaint, or information, no wager of law, protection or ellopie, shalbe allowed or admitted.

The. xxix. Chapter.

**An act for fines with Proclamations
in the Countie Palantine
of Chester.**

By the King's Highness.

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A humble wille shewen unto your excellent Maies^{tye},
your true and saythfull Subiectes and Liegemen thins
habitauntes of your graces Countie Palentine of Che-
ster: That whereas heretofore by aucthoritie of Par-
lament, diuers necessarie and beneficiall statutes haue
bene made for and concerninge the leueng of fines with
proclamation, whiche are not onelye necessarie for the
preseruacion of quietnesse and concord amonges your louynge Sub-
iectes, and for the auoydynge of stryfe and contencion, but also for the
great and perfect assuraunce of all suche persones, to whom anye suche
fynes is leuied of any landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whiche
sayde beneficiall and necessarie statutes doo not extende to any fines to
be leuied within your sayde Countie Palentine of Chester: In tender
consideration whereof, pleaseith it your most excellent Maies^{tye}, that it
may be enacted by your highnes, and the Lordes Spirituall and Tem-
porall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by
the aucthoritie of the same, that all and singuler fynes whiche at anye
tyme hereafter shalbe leuied or knowledged before the hyghe Justice of
our Souereigne Lorde the kynge, or of hys Heyres and Successours,
of hys Countie Palentine of Chester for the tyme beyng, or before the
Deputye or Lieutenant, Justice there, for the tyme beyng, of anye lan-
des, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the said
Countie Palentine of Chester, whiche shalbe openlye redde and procla-
med thre seuerall dayes in the open Sessions, in the presence of the Ju-
stice of the sayde Countie Palentie of Chester, for the tyme beyng, or be-
fore the Deputie, or Lieutenant Justice there, at the same Sessions,
that the same fine, shal fortune to be engrossed: And also that shalbe
openlye redde and proclaumed in the presence of the Justice of the sayde
Countie Palentine of Chester, or before the Deputie or Lieutenant,
Justice there for the tyme beyng, at the two next generall Sessions that
shalbe holden in the sayde Countie Palentine of Chester before the Ju-
stice of the same Countie Palentine, or before the Deputie or Lieutenant
Justice there, next after the leuyng and engrossyng of suche sayd fine
at thre seuerall dayes in eyther of the sayde two Sessions, after suche
maner and fourme as is commonly bled in the Kinges court of common
pleis at Westminster, shalbe of like force, strength and effect in the Law,
to all ententes, constructions, and purposes: as fines beyng duely leuied
with Proclamations before the kynges Justices of his Common pleies
be, or ought to be of.

The xxix. Chapter.

An act agaynst So-
domy.

Forasmuche



As muche as there is not at this present tyme, anye sufficient and condigne punishment appointed by due course of the lawes of this Realme, for the detestable vice of Buggerie: Be it therefore enacted by thassent of the Kinges highnes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that all and every offendour or offendours in that crime, after the first daye of Aprill nexte ensuyng being thereof convicted or attainted by verdyte, confession, outlary, or otherwise shal suffer such paines of death, without losse of goodes, or landes, or any other commoditie, his life onely excepted, as felons convicted, or attainted of felony bene accustomed to do, touchyng the sayd paines of death, by the common lawes of this realme. And that no such person shal enjoye the privilege or benefite of his or their Clergy, or sanctuarie: And that the Justices of Peace shal have full power and auctoritie wyth in the limites of their commission and iurisdiction, to heare and determine the said offence, touching the sayd paines of death, as they doo and have used to do in cases of felonye: Having to the wife and childzen, the heires and Successours, and administratours of the sayde offendour, or offendours, and all other persones and bodys politique, other then the sayde offendour or offendours, all suche righte, tittle, clayme, and interest to all and everie the sayde offendour or offendours, goodes, landes, and hereditamentes, as they or anye of them mighte have or oughte to have had, if the sayde offendour, or offendours had dyed his or theyr naturall death, or had neither in this case, neither by anye other meane offended any of the kinges lawes.

Provided that no maner of persone, be impeached or molested, for the said offence by reason of this present act, except the said person be endited of the said offence with in. vi. monethes next & immediately folowing the tyme of committing the same. And that no persone be receyved for wytnes, or to lay or geve evidence against the said offendour, as upon whose credite thenquest should enforme themselves, which person, should take any profite or commoditie by the death of the said offendour, if he were attainted or convicted of the sayde crime, and offence. Nor that any such attandour, shall take any corruption of blood to the heire, or heires of such offendour or offendours.

¶ The xxx. Chapter.

¶ An act for the townes of Rie and Winchellesp
and for the casting of Ballaste
into the Chambrze.



As muche as the inhabitauntes of the towne and
 portes of Rye, and Winchelsey in the county of Sus-
 sex, haue truelye enfourmed the kynges moſte hono-
 rable Counſail, that the Herborowe, and Roade, cal-
 led the Camber beyng nere to the ſaide Townes of
 Rye and Winchelsey (lyeng ouer againſt the coſtes of
 Depe in Fraunce) in times paſte hath bene a Herbo-
 row able to receiue. cc. 02. iiii. ſaile of ſhippes, alwel in
 times of warre, as in time of peace. And beyng there, might not onely iſ-
 ſue out thereof at all times to encountre their enemies, but alſo in tymes
 of ſtozmye windes might haue had reſcure and good Herboroughe in the
 ſame, to the great ſafegard of the kinges ſhippes and Merchauntes paſ-
 ſing to and fro vpon the narrow ſeas. Yet now of late, not onely the ſaid
 Harborowe and roade, called the Cambre, but alſo all the Inne creakes
 nere vnto Rye and Winchelsey afozeſaid, partly by occaſion of caſtyng of
 ballaſt into the ſame Harborowe and creakes, and partlye becauſe diuers
 marſhes inned, take in no water to ſcoure the channell, but let out theyr
 freſh water at gutters, ſo that at this preſent the chanel there is choked,
 ſwarded, and filled vp, that there cannot lye in the ſame herborowe aboue
 xxx. 02. xl. ſaile of ſhips, and yet the ſame ſhips cannot come into the ſame
 herborow with oute great daunger: Therefore it is enacted and ordey-
 ned by the king our ſouereigne lord, the lordes ſpirituall and tempozall,
 and the commons in this preſent parliamēt aſſembled, and by thauctho-
 ritie of the ſame, that the Maiors, and Jurates of Rye and Winchelsey,
 now beyng, befoze the. xx. day of Aprill next comming, ſhall appoynt con-
 uenient places, to lay on al ballaſt, that ſhalbe caſt out of any hoy, ſhippe,
 craier, boate, 02 other beſſell, which after the firſt day of Maye next com-
 ming, ſhall come into, 02 within the ſaid Harborow 02 roade, to the intent
 to receiue 02 take into it any freight 02 lading in thoſe parties. And that
 all maner of ballaſt ſhalbe had, 02 caſt out of any Hoye Shippe, Craier,
 Boate, 02 other beſſell after the ſayde fyrſt daye of Maye ſhall by the per-
 ſones beyng in euery Hoy, Ship, Craier, Boate, 02 other beſſell be layde
 vpon ſuch places as the ſaid Maiors and Jurates, 02 the moze nombze
 of them, ſhall appoint and aſſigne, and at no other place, vpon paine of for-
 feiture of. xl. s. of lawfull money of England, for the firſt part 02 porcion
 of ballaſt ſo caſt ouer, and. xl. s. for euery tonne of ballaſt, reſidue, beyng
 caſt out of any Hoy, Ship, Craier, Boate, 02 other beſſell, contrarie to
 the forme afozeſaid, thone halfe of euery ſomme ſo forfeited to be to the
 king our ſoueraigne Lord his heyres and ſucceſſours, and thother halfe
 to be to him that will ſue for the ſame in anye Courte of Recozde in this
 realme, in whiche action, 02 ſute, no eſſoine, protection, 02 wager of lawe
 ſhalbe adimitted 02 allowed. And it is further enacted and ordeyned, by
 thaucthoritie afozeſaid, that the Maior and Jurates of Rye, for the time
 beyng, and Maior and Jurates of Winchelsey for the tyme beyng, and
 euery

euery of them, shall generally haue full power and aucthoritie to hold ple,
and to heare and determine al and singuler actions, lutes, and complain-
tes, in any wise concerning any act or offence done, or committed at anye
tyme hereafter, contrary to the forme of this present act, and to make exe-
cution vpon euery iudgement geuen in any of the said actions and lutes,
as wel vpon the sea, as vpon the land, as by their discretion shalbe thought
conuenient.

Che. xxxi. Chapter.

**An act for the citie of Chester touching the
taking of Recognisaunces.**



L theyr most humble wise shewen vnto your highnes
your true, saythfull and obedient Subiectes, the Ma-
ior, Aldermen, Sherifes, and Commualtpe, of your
graces Citie of Chester, that where befoze this tyme
the Maiors of the sayd Citie of Chester, were appoin-
ted and aucthorised, to take and receiue befoze the said
Maiors, Recognisaunces, accordinge to the Statutes
Marchaunt, and of Acton Burnell, whereupon were deliuered vnto the
sayde Maior by the Kynges Maiesties Progenitours, that then were, a
speciall seale concerning the same, by force wherof, the Maiors and other
Officers there appointed (tyme out of mynde) haue continuallye vsed,
and practised, to take Recognisaunces, befoze them of Statutes Mar-
chaunt, and Acton Burnell, and enrolled the same, whiche euer hetherto
was allowed, permitted, and taken to be good and effectuell in the lawe,
buttill nowe of late that ambiguitie and doubt hath risen, by meanes of
certeyne sinister persones, more for the defrauding of ryght, equite, and
iustice, then vpon any good grounde, or matter, for theyr priuate commo-
ditie, because that in all poyntes it dothe not followe and agree, accor-
dyng to all the strayght woordes of the sayde Statutes Marchaunt, and
Acton Burnell, as well to the great hurt and slaunder of the sayde cytie,
as also to the decaye of the Marchauntes, wherche haue, and shall lende
theyr lyuinges, wares, and money, and greate bolnes of the boldnes of
the creditozs and dettozs, to detem the same in their handes, to the great
decay of the said citie: wherfore for thinconuenience thereof, and also for
thanoptyng of the sayd ambiguitie and doubt, it maye please your hygh-
nes that it may be by your grace with thassent of the Lordes spirituall
and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled,
ordeyned, established, and enacted by thauthoritie of the same, that all
and euery suche Recognisaunce of Statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Bur-
nell, which after the fyrste daye of Maye nexte commynge, shalbe taken
knowledged, enrolled, had, and sealed, wyth the sayde Seale, appoynted
to

to the said city of Chester, before the Mayor of the same city, for the time being, in like manner as heretofore the predecessors Mayors, and other officers in the said city have accustomed to take and enrolle and seal, shall be as good, effectual and of force in the law, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as if the taking of such recognisance did fully agree and accord to all intents and purposes, with the straight words of the said statutes of Acton Burnell, and the Statute Marchaunt. And that upon all certificates of the said Mayors hereafter like process and execution to be awarded and directed out of the high courtes of chancery, and common place to all Sherifes, Mayors, Bailiffes, or other officers in England, or Wales, in as ample manner and fourme as is used els where within this realme, for any recognisance taken, upon any of the statutes aforesaid, any lawe, statute, libertie, franchises, or usage had or used to the contrary notwithstanding.

The xxxii. Chapter.

An act for the continuance of certaine statutes.



Where in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the xxxii. yere of the reigne of our late moste dreadde soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight, and there by diuers Prorogations, continued vntill the xxiii. daye of July, in the xxxvi. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eighte, there was one acte made and established, for and concernynge the reformation of mispleadinge, Jeofailles, and attornies, whiche said acte with the Prouiso, were made to endure vntill the last daye of the next Parliament. And where also at the Parliament holden at Westminster in the xxxv. yere of the reigne of our sayde late most dreadde soueraigne Lord, one acte was made, that for none apperaunce in Iuries to haue de circumstantibus. And in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our said late most dreadde soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight, the sayd actes and either of them were continued vntill the ende of the next Parliament: Be it enacted and established by the kyng our soueraigne Lord, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that the actes aforesaid, and either of them and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and euerye of them conteyned, shall continue and endure in theyr force and strength for ever.

The xxxiii. Chapter.

An act that no man stealing Horse or Horses shall enjoy the benefite of his clergy.



Especially as it is and hath bene ambiguous and doubtfull, upon the wordes mentioned in one act of Parliament made the first yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord the king; whether that any person being in due forme of the lawes founde guilty, or otherwise attainted, or convicted, for felonious stealing of one Horse, Gelding or Mare, ought to be admitted, to have and enjoy the privilege and benefite of his Clergie and Sanctuarie: Wherefore it is declared and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne Lord, and the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same Parliament, that all and singuler person and persones, feloniously takyng or stealing anye Horse, Gelding, or Mare, shall not be admitted to have or enjoy the privilege or benefite of his or their Clergye, or Sanctuarie, but shall be put from the same, in like maner and forme, as though he or they had bene indicted, or appealed for felonious stealing of two Horses, two Geldinges, or two Mares, of any other, and thereupon founde guilty by verdict of. xii. men, or confessed the same upon their arraignment, or stand wilfully, or of malice muet.

The xxxiii. Chapter.

An act for the Sherife of Northumberland to be accountable for his office, as other Sherifes be.



Especially as the Sherifes of the county of Northumberland, which haue bene named now of longe time passed, haue not accompted to the kinges Maestie of the issues, & profites of their Bailewike, in the kinges highnes Exchequer, or els where, as other Sherifes of the said Countie in olde time passed haue done, nor as the Sherifes of other Counties of this realme do at this time, but do perely receiue & take the hole profites therof to their own vles, to the great detrimēt & losse of the kinge our soueraigne lord, both of his vicounts, & other farmes, answerable by the handes of the said Sherife, & of all other Dets, issues, fines, & amerciamentes, within the said countie, & of all alienations and intrusions, Wardes mariages, relieues, and suche other.

Wherefore be it enacted by the kinge our souereigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that from henceforth, all and euerye suche person and persones as shall hereafter named to be Sherife of the said Countie of Northumberland, forthwith before he receiue his patent, and before he do exercise any part of the sayd office, shall put in sufficient sureties by himself, or by his sufficient deputy, or deputies, into the kynges exchequer, there to enter in recognisance

in such somme, and upon such condicions, as the lord Treasurer, and Barons of the said exchequer shall seme convenient, in maner and fourme as all other Sherifes of other countie of this realme, do upon paine of every such Sherife making default to forfeite to the kinges Maiestie an. c. l. to be leuied of his goodes and cattals, landes and tenementes, wheresoeuer they may be found, to the kinges highnes vse: And that the said Barons from tyme to tyme shall cause such proces to be made for the king for the leuieing of the said. c. l. so to be forfeited, to be directed to suche person and persones, and in such nature and sorte, as to them shall seme best for the king for the leuieing thereof, any thing in this act, or in any other law, statute, vse, prouision, or custome, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie and be it enacted by the saide auctoritie, that anye such Sherife, being so bounden as is aboue said, shall not be accomptable but for his own tyme, and for the yere of his shirifwike onely, neither shall he be charged, in, or upon his accompt, by any proces, with any arerages, or duties, due to the kinges Maiestie by any his predecessours in the sayde office of Shrif, any thing in this act, or any law or blage, or prerogative to the contrary notwithstanding.

The. xxxv. Chapter.

**An act for the confirmation of the
Subsidie of the Clergie.**



Where the Prelates, and the Clergie of the Province of Cantorbury, haue louinglye and liberally for certeyne considerations geuen and graunted to the kinges Maiestie a Subsidie of five shillinges of the pounce to be taken, and leuied of all and synguler the Spiritual promotions, within the same Province, duringe the terme of thre yeares nowe next ensuyng, in suche certeyne maner, fourme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions specified, and conteyned in a certaine instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the kinges highnes, vnder the Seale of the Archebischoppe of Cantorburie, as in the same Instrument exhibited in this present Parliament more plainely it dothe appeare: The tenour whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Clergye of the province of Cantorburie, upon certayne great and necessary considerations among them purposed, and debated, calling to remembraunce the moste gracious and noble disposition of the kinges Maiestie their naturall and moste redoubted Soueraigne Lord, vnder whose happy and prudent regimēt, they and all other his highnes Subiectes, even from the beginninge of his moste gracious raigne haue lyued in safegarde, quietnesse, and suretye of theyr bodyes and goodes, out of the daunger of inuasions, Spoyle, Depopulations and

and destructions of anye forreyn enemies, against whose malice for the
 suerty and defence bothe of them and all other his subiectes, his mai-
 estie hath not spared to employe inestimable somes of hys owne treasure,
 and possessions by sundrie occasions, & namely by reason of the great and
 long warres whiche his grace hath lustly and moost nobly mainteyned,
 and in part victorioussly achieved, bothe by Lande and Sea, against the
 Scottes, rebelles to hys highnes, and enemies of his moost noble reigne:
 And considering also, that next vnto God, they of the sayde Clergye be
 moost bounde to rendre to his maiestie theyr immortall and moost humble
 thankses for manys causes and benefites, and chiefely for the speciall
 quietnes whiche they doo presently enioye in the middeste of the sayde
 mooste cruell and deadlye warres, hauinge no let nor impediment to ap-
 plye themselves, to serue God, and studie in suche wyse, as to theyr voca-
 tions and duties apperteineth. And further considering that the main-
 tenaunce, furniture, expedition and honozable perfozmaunce of the sayde
 Warres yet continuing, and other his grates weightye and noble affay-
 res, for the publique weale of his Realmes and Subiectes, necessarye
 requireth great and inestimable charges and expences: The sayde Pre-
 lates and Clergie, therefore for a remembraunce and declaration of theire
 good willes, thankfull myndes, and bounden duties to hys Highnesse,
 wyth one voyce, and very hartye good wyll do gene and graunt by these
 presentes to his Maiestie, towarde the sayde great charges and costes
 one Subsidie in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to saye, that eu-
 ery Archebishop, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prebendarie, Priouost,
 Master of Colleges, Masters of Hospitales, Rector, Vicar, and euery
 other persone and persones, of what soeuer name, or degree, he or they
 be, enioying anye spirituall promotion or other temporall possessions to
 the same Spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor separate
 by act of Parliament, or other wyse, from the possessions of the Clergye,
 shal pay to the Kynges Highnes for every pound that he may yerely dis-
 pende by reason of the sayde spirituall promotion, the somme of sixe shyl-
 linges. And for the true and certeine knowledge of the yerely values of
 the said promotions and euery of the, wherof the payment shalbe made,
 the rate, taxation, and valuation, and Estimation remaynyng of recorde
 in the Kynges Maiesties Court of the fyfthe partes, and Tenth for the
 payment of the perpetuall dysme, concernynge, all suche promotions, as
 be in possession of the clergie, or any other not deuided by acte of Parla-
 ment, or otherwise as is aforesayde, shalbe folowed, and obserued with-
 out any making any valuation, rate, taxation, or Estimation, other then
 in the sayde recorde is comprised.

Provided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth parte of the sayde
 valuation and tare before mencioned, is yerely paid to the kinges high-
 nes for the perpetuall dysme, so as there remayneth onelye nyne partes to
 the

the incumbent clere, this Subsidie of .vi. s. the pound, shalbe vnderstand
onely of the same nine partes, and of no moze.

Whereby it is provided alwaies that no persone, that is alreadye promoted to anye
spirituall benefice, sithen the first day of Octobze last past before the date
hereof, or that hereafter shall be promoted to anye spirituall benefice, on
thysyde the fyrst day of Octobze, which shalbe in the yere of oure Lorde
God, M. D. li. shalbe contributorye, or charged to the kinges highnesse,
with anye parte of this Subsidie, duringe the first yere of his sayde pro-
motion.

The sayde Prelates, and Clergie also do graunt, that thys Subsidy
of .vi. s. of the pound of the perelpe value of euerye promotion taxed as a-
foresaid, shalbe paid to the kinges Maiesty, within thre yeres next ensu-
ing the date hereof, that is to say. ii. s. of euery pounce in euery of the said
thre yeres. The first payment thereof to be due and made at the first daye
of Octobze next ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a
thousande five hundred. xlix. And the seconde payment thereof to be due,
and made on the sayde fyrst day of Octobze then next folowynge, whiche
shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande five hundredeth and fiftie.
And the thirde payment thereof to be due and made in the sayde fyrste
day of Octobze then next folowynge, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde
God, a thousand five hundredeth fiftie and one, and to be deliuered and
payde perelpe by suche as shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof
of to the thesaurer of the kynges Court of first frutes, and tenthes, or
to any other person, whom it shall please the kinges Maiestie to appoint
for the receipt thereof, before the feast of the Natyuite of our Lorde in e-
uery of the sayde. iii. yeres.

Item the said Prelates and clergie, also do graunt, that euery Priest
and all other persones hauing a pencion by reason of the dissolution of a-
ny the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, Chaunteries, Fra-
ternities, Gylde, and Hospitales, or any other corporation within the
said prouince of Cantorbury, shal likewise paye to his highnes sixe shyl-
linges of euery pounce of the sayd pencions, within the said thre yeres,
at such day and time as is before specified: and that for the sure payment
therof, a deduction and retention of the saide. vi. s. to be made in the han-
des of the payers of the sayde pencion after the propoztion of. ii. s. of the
pounce, euery of the sayd thre yeres, to be deliuered and payde vnto his
Maiesties vse at such time and to such persones, as the Subsidie of sixe
shyllinges aforesayde shalbe payed vnto.

Item the sayd Prelates and Clergie, do also graunt that euery priest
receyving Annuell stipend, being no perpetuall within the said prouince,
shall paye vnto his graces vse vi. shyllinges. viii. d. in euerye of the same
thre yeres, at the same dayes, and vnder the same penalties, as the rest
of the Clergie do pay for their promotions.

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Item the same prelates, and clergy, further do graunt that every Archebishop & bishop, and the sea beyng vacant, every Deane and chapiter, of that sea boorde, shalbe Collectors of this Subsidie within theyr proper Dioces. And for the better recovery of the said Collection, the said prelates, & clergy humbly beseeche the kynges hyghnes, that they maye haue full power, and auctoritie by his Maiesty, and the hygh Court of Parlyamente, to vse all suche waies, meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the acte of perpetuall dismes for the collection and leuie of the same and shall make accompt thereof before the Chauncelloz, or Treasorer, or other officers of his graces court of the first Frutes, and Tenth, or in suche other places, as it shall please his hyghnes to appoint, in such wise and after suche forme only, as the said Archebishops, and Bishops be nowe charged for the Collection of the perpetuall Disme, whereby is ment howe the lacke, and default of payment, of, and for any particuler promotion, shall onely charge the incumbent, and suche as be bounde to pay the same, and that vppon suche paines, as be provided in the acte of perpetuall disme against them that do make default in that behalfe.

Provided alwaies, that every Incumbent makinge suche defaulte of payment, after certifiat of suche default, duly made and exhibited in the kynges maiesties court of firste frutes, and Tenth, shall forfeit and lose only that his benefice, or promotion, for which he maketh default, & for the same, shall encurre no other forfeiture, losse, daunger, pain, or penalty any other pain, clause, article, or condicio in the said statute of perpetuall disme, contained to the contrary notwithstandinge. And that the Archebishop, bishop, deane, and chapter, gathering that they can receyue, and makinge payment thereof, shal for the rest not by them receyued be discharged by their certifiat to be made by the first day of January, in every of the same thre yerres, or within fourtene daies after into the court of firste frutes, and Tenth, and. vi. d. of euery ponde where the Collectour, shalbe charged in his accompt, clerely to be payed into the said receyte, or into suche other place, as it shall please the kynges Maiesty to appoint, shalbe allowed to the same Collectour, for his said accompt for the same, for the charges, and collection, portage, conueieng and payenge of the said Subsidie.

Provided alwaies, that this Subsidie graunted by the Clergye shall not be demaunded, or leuied, out of any benefice, or Colledge situate, or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde, and Cambrige, or of any benefice or other reuenues, vnto any Colledge of Oxforde, or Cambrige vnyted, appropried, or appertaininge, or of the Colledge of Eton nigh the Wyndsoze or of the Colledge of Wyndchestre, founded by Wyllyam Wykeham, sometime Bishop of Wyndchester, or of any other churche, or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the said Colleges, or to any of theim annexed, appropried, or otherwise appertaining.

Provided alwaies, that no spirituall promotion, or any landes, or re-

uenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt or acte of the prouince of Cantorbury, or any goodes, or cattalles, growng, beyng, or renewing of the same, and pertaininge to the owners of the said spirituall promotion shalbe charged, or made contributoye to any fiftene, or other Subsidie already graunted to the kynges highnes of the late fe. or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the said thre yeres.

Item the said prelates, and Clergie further graunt that euery of hyr graces new erected bishops, Deanes, prebendaries, peticannons, & preachers, shalbe charged to this Subsidie, for theyr owne portions onely therof to pay. vi. s. of the pounce within the sayde thre yeres, as is aboue reherfed, of other bishoppes, and spirituall persones, and these portions of rentes, and reuenues, whiche his highnes hath geuen vnto theym for the maintenaunce of poore men, Scholemasters, Alshers, Gramariens, Queristers, and other Officers, and ministres, not to be charged wpth any part of this Subsidie.

Provided also, that euery parson, vicar, or other spirituall man payyng any pencion, whereof none allowance is made in the Valuatyon of his said benefice, shall and maye reteine. ii. s. of euery. li. of euerye suche pencion, euery yere duryng the said thre yeres, to his owne relief, in consideration that he is charged to pay, his Subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounce, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promotion.

Provided also, that where certein landes, tenementes, rentes tythes, pencions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall churches, or to other places Ecclesiasticall within the said prouince of Cantorbury, which wer geuen and assigned to be bestowed, and spent, to & on the finding & maintenaunce of certein Chaunteries, anniuersaries, obites, lightes, lapes, & other like thinges, intentes and purposes be now come into the handes and possession of the kynges Maiesty, our souereigne Lorde by force of a statute thereof made, in the first yere of hyr gracions reigne, as by the said statute moze plainely appereth, that the said Cathedrall churches, and the deanes, or presidentes and Chapters of the same, & al other places, & persones, to whom the said landes, rentes, and other the premisses, or any of them did latelye appertene, shall not be charged to and with any contribution, or paymente of any subsidie for that part, or portion wherunto the kynges Maiesty is entituled, or possessed of, but the sayde Subsidie shalbe vnderstand to bee chargeable, and due onely of all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pencions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, which doe still remaine not disseuered from the handes, and possession of the said Cathedrall churches, and other the places and persones aforesaide: And that deduction, and allowance be made to them and euery of theym in the payment of the said subsidie, out of the whole value, taxation, & estimation made for the payment of the said perpetual Disine, remaininge of Recorde in the kynges Maiesties court of first frutes, and Tenth,

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for that rate, and portion, whiche is come to the handes and possession of our saied soueraigne Lorde, by force of the estatute premised.

Provided also, that every Parson & Vicar, whose benefice is of the value of .vi. l. xiii. s. iiii. d. or under, after the rate of the perpetuall tenth shall pay in every of the said .iii. yerres onely .vi. s. viii. d. as stipendaries do, and not otherwise.

Provided also, that every priest, and al other persones hauyng a pension, by reason of the dissolution, of the late monasteries, Colleges, free chappels, Chauntries, Fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or any other incorporations, within the prouince of Canterbury, or any of theyn and beyng of the somme of forty shyllinges, or under, and not aboue, shall not be charged, and chargeable to the sayde Subsidie, or any parte therof, for any suche pension of forty shyllinges, or under, any thyng contained in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding: As by the said instrument moze at large it doth appere.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Canterbury accordyng to the tenour, purport, effect, and true meaning of this present instrument the said Prelates, and Clergie most humbly desyre and requyre your hyghnesse, that this their saied gyfte, graunt, and Subsidie, and euery matter, somme of money, clause, and sentence, in this instrument conteined, concerning the said Subsidie, maye be ratified established, and confirmed, by auctorite of your highnes Court of Parliament. And for the sure and true payment of the said Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergy of the said prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meaning of the said instrument: Be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that the said gyfte, and graunt and euery matter, somme of money, clause, and sentence, in the said instrument conteyned, be ratified, established, and confirmed by the auctorite aforesaid.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that every person, that shalbe appointed to the collectyon and gathering of the said Subsidy, shal haue full power and auctorite to leuy, take, and perceiue the same Subsidie, by auctorite of the censures of the churche, or by distresse, vpon the possession of the farmours, & owners of the landes & tenementes, chargeable by this act, for, or to the payment of any summe, or summes of money, or otherwise by the discretion of the Collectours therof: And that no replevy, prohibition, or Supersedeas, shalbe allowed, or obeyed, for any person or persones, makynge default of payment of the said Subsidie contrary to the tenour of the graunt therof, vntyll suche tyme, as they haue truly satisfied, and contented, al such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe apperteyneth. And that euery suche farmour, and farmours, that shall fortune hereafter to be char-

ged to and with the payment of the said Subsidie, or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesaid be allowed, and reteine in hys handes, as muche of his yerely farme and rent, as the summe which he shall fortune to pay for his Lorde or lessours, shall extende and amount vnto, any wytyng, couenaunt, band or other thinge had, or made to the contrarye in any wise not withstandyng. And for the leuenge of the said Subsidie of vi. s. of the pound, and for the yerely pentions whiche any prieste or other persone, or persones which heretofore haue bene religious, or taken for religious persones, doo or shall receiue at the court of Augmentacions, and reuenues, the Chauncelour of the same court for the time being, shall yerely duringe the said thre yeres, that is to saye, at the feast of S. Michael the Archangell yerely duringe the said thre yeres, detaine, and retayne in hys handes, or cause to be detamed, or retained in the handes of other thofficers and ministres of the same Court, to the kynges vse, for euery pounce of the same pencions. ii. s. and the same shall well and truly pay, or cause to be paid into the said court of the Tenth & first frutes, or els where as the kynges highnes shall appoint before the first day of January without any charge to be made or susteyned in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid, that euery other person and persones, whiche pay, or be chargeable to pay any yerely rent pencion, or pentions, to any priest, or other persone or persones, whiche heretofore haue bene religious, or taken for religious persones, chargeable to the payment of the said Subsidie, that euerye suche person or persones whiche do so paie, or hereafter shall pay any of the said yerely rentes, pencion, or pentions, shall not onely duringe the said thre yeres, retaine into his handes, yerely to the kynges vse, for euery pound of the same yerely rentes, pencion or pentions. ii. s. and the same well and trulye to pay, or cause to be payd yerely duringe the same thre yeres, vnto the Ordinarie of the same Dioces, or to the collectour of the said Subsidie there to the kynges vse: But also shall yerely, during the same thre yeres before the first daye of Decembze certifye vnder his, or their seale, or seales vnto the said court of the tenth and first frutes, or els where it shall please the kynges highnes, to appointe the names, and surnames of all and singuler suche priestes, or other persons, religious, or heretofore taken for religious persones, as is aforesaid, and the true yerely rentes or pentions, which they, or any of them be entitiled to haue, or receyue yerely as is aforesayde. And that the Chaunceloz for the tyme beyng of the kynges court of Augmentacions and reuenues of the kynges Cozone, shall likewise yerely duringe the said thre yeres, before the firste daye of Decembze, certifie vnder the seale of the same court, not onely the names & surnames of all and singuler priestes and other persones chargeable for the said seuerall rentes, and yerely pentions to the payment of the sayde Subsidy, in the said Court of the Tenth, and first frutes, or els wher it shall please the kynges Maiesty to appoint, but also the true and iuste yerely

perely summe, and summes of the same perely rates, or pensions, wyth the names & surnames of the persons chargeable to the payment thereof, And that the Archebishop, and Bishop of every Dioces, within the said prouince of Cantorbury, shall perely during the said thre yeres, before the first day of January, or within xxiii. dayes after at the furthest, certifye vnder his seale in the said Courte of Tenth, and first frutes, or els where it shall please the kyng to appoint, the names and surnames of al and singuler stipendary priestes, being within any of the said Diocesses, chargeable to the said payment of the said subsidie as is aforesayde, and also the names and surnames of every suche person, and persones wyth whom he or they dyd dwell, and take any stypende, or wages.

And be it further enacted by thauthorite aforesaid, that every suche person and persones, which within the said thre yeres shall geue and pay any stypende, or wages to any suche priest as is aforesaid, shall for the insufficiency, or default of every of the same priest, or priestes being in seruice, or wages with him, at the said first day of Octobze, be charged, and chargeable to and with the payment of, vi. s. viii. d. for the same yere.

And be it further enacted by thauthorite aforesaid, that the sayde Archebishop, Bishops, & other persons chargeable to, and wyth, the collection of the said subsidie of. vi. s. the. ii. within the said prouince of Cantorbury, shall haue vpon every payment thereof made in the kynges courte of the Tenth and first frutes, or els where the kynges Maestie shall appoint, a sufficient acquittaunce in wrytyng of such person or persones as the kynges Maestie shall appointe for the receipt thereof, the same acquittaunce witnessinge the same receipt of asmuche of the same summe of the same subsidie, as shall be by any of them so receiued. And euerye suche acquittaunce in wrytynge, sealed and subscribed wyth the name or names of every suche person, or persons, that so by the kynges appoyntment shall receiue any of the said summes of money, shall be as good and effectuell in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of Parliament. And that every person and persones, whiche shall haue and receiue any suche acquittaunce, shall pay but onely. ii. d. for every of the same acquittaunce.

Be it further enacted by thauthorite aforesaid, that al & every graunt and grauntes, of all and every somme and summes of money, whiche here after shall be graunted to the kynges highnes by the Clergie of the prouince of York, shall be of the same strength, force, and effect in all thinges as the said graunt made by the said prouince of Cantorbury, and shall be taxed, certified, collated, leuted, and gathered, accordyng to the tenor, forme, and effect of this present acte of Parliament, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner, as though it were specialle, plainely, and particulerly expessed, and reherfed in this acte, by expresse wordes, termes, and sentences, in their seueral natures, and kyndes.

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The. xxi. Chapter: An act for the Relief graunted to the Kinges Maieſtie,
by the Lordes, and Communes.

Whileſt we the kynges maieſties faithfull louinge, and obe-
diente ſubiectes, the Lordes, and Communes aſſembled
in this preſent Parliament do conſider the preſent ſtate of
the world, what great troubles be in all places: what ene-
mies both his Maieſty and his realme hath and is lyke to
haue, and that they malice, and hatred is bent, partly to
diminiſhe his graces maieſtye and the honoz of his Realme, partly to
ſpoile the ſame of the juſt, true, and auncient inheritaunce, righte, & title
that his highnes, and his moſte noble progenitors kinges of this realme
of England, haue alwaies had to the realme of Scotland, being a mem-
ber and a parte of hys kyngdome and dominion: and chiefly for that wee
of late hauyng abandoned thaucthozity of the B. ROME, and his wicked
doctrine, haue and do adhere to Chriſt and his moſt holpe worde, as be-
commeth all Chriſtiens to do, that meane to be no leſſe in dede, then they
profelle in name: Whyleſt we alſo conſider, that his grace, and we hys
faithfull and obedient ſubiectes, be but one bodye politique, hys highnes
the hed, and we the members, and that no good, or felicitie can come to
thone, but thother ſhalbe partaker thereof: and that no hurt, or aduerſi-
tye can happen to the one, where with the other ſhall not alſo be greued:
Whyleſt we alſo conſider the Practiſes, and pollicies of other Prynces,
and potentates, what great preparations they make bothe of men and
alſo of other furnitures for the warres, and what great treaſure they of
late, haue leuied, and gathered of their ſubiectes: we perceiuyng that al-
the kynges Maieſties procedynges, wholy tende to the aduancement
of the true glozy of God, the mayntenaunce of the maieſtye of the impe-
rial crowne of this realme, and the defence and ſafety of vs, and thys his
realme, fully mynded to cleaue, and ſticke to GOD and hys moſte holpe
worde, vtterly determined to mainteine his graces honoz, and all ſuche
tyghtes, and titles, as be annexed to his imperiall crowne, preſt, and redye
to defende our ſelues, and this his realme, and our countrey: and finally
content to leaue, father, mother, brethren, ſiſtrens, wiues, children, landes,
goodes, pea, and this mortall lyfe alſo, rather then we would deny chriſt
and forlake his word, which is the liuely fode of mans ſoule, rather then
we woulde ſuffer hys royal Maieſty to be in any part diminiſhed, rather
then wee woulde conſent that the imperiall crowne of this Realme ſhoulde
be depzyued of any honour, tytle, right, or intereſt therunto belonging,
and finally rather then any foreyn power, ſhoulde do vs, or our countrey
any hurt, or injury, haue thought it good to prepare and make, not onely
our perſones redy for the warres, hauing a full affyaunce and perfite con-
fidence in God, that he alwayes hath ſent victorie, to ſuche as profelled
him, & put their whole truſt in him: albeit they were but very fewe & that
very

very feble in mans sight, in respect of the multitude and force of theyr e-
 nemies, so he now wyl haue a speciall regarde & eye to this litle realme, &
 by his poore seruauntes, and litle flocke, taking to his charge and defence
 our litle shepherd, tyll yerres and strength make him better able to bicker
 with his enemies, and that therfore, he with us, and for us, wyl deuise to
 withstande, resist, and suborne the force and puissance of oure stoute foes
 (no more ours then his, at the least ours for his cause) but also to make
 enoug us a masse of money, to relieue, & mainteine the great, and inestym-
 able charges, that our most gracious soueraine Lorde hath and daylye
 doth susteine, a thinge much vnable to serue any pte of his present neces-
 sities, yf his grace dyd meane to spare any part of his owne treasure, be-
 sechinge his grace, not to cast his eyes vpon the smalnes of this our sim-
 ple present, but to lay by it our good willes, which we make the chiefeste
 part of our reliefe, it faithfully promising al the rest to be redy, when per-
 ril, or enemye shall declare thys not to suffice: first we his graces said sub-
 iectes, do by thauthoritie of thys present parliament, frely and franklye
 geue and graunt vnto his most royall maiestie a relief to continue by the
 space of thre yerres, to be rated, taxed, letted, & gathered of euery persone,
 of what estate, or degree he be, accordinge to the tenour of this acte, after
 the rate, in maner and forme folowynge, that is to saye, as well of all and
 euery persone, as is or hereafter shalbe, his graces naturall subiectes
 as of all and euerye statcraftie, guild, corporation, misterye, brotherhed
 company, and comynalte, corporate, or not corporate wpythin this realme
 of Englande, Wales, and other the kynges Dominions, byng worth .x.
 poundes of money, coine, plate, stocke of merchaundise, corne, grain, shepe
 bestes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, as well within thys realme as
 without, and of al such somes of money, as to him, or them is, or shalbe
 owing, wherof he, or they trust in their consciences surely to be payde, pe-
 rely twelue pence of euery pounde. And of euery alien, or straunger
 borne, out of the kynges obeyssaunce as well denizen, as not denizen inha-
 biting, or resiaunt, within this realme, in any other the kynges Dominy-
 ons, byng worth .x. poundes, in money, coine, plate, stocke, or merchaun-
 dise, corne, grain, shepe, bestes, cattals, or other goodes mouable, as well
 within this realme, as without, and of all suche sommes of money, as to
 him, is, or shalbe owing, wherof he trusteth in his conscience, to be surely
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 out of the kynges obeyssaunce, as well denizen, as not denizen inhabitinge
 or resiaunt within thys realme, or any other the kynges Dominions be-
 yng worth twentye shillinges, and vnder ten poundes in money, coine,
 plate, stocke of merchaundise, corne, graine, shepe, bestes, cattalle, or o-
 ther goodes mouable, as well within this realme, as without and of all
 suche somes of money as to him, is, or shalbe owing, wherof he trusteth
 in his conscience to be surely payde, perely .xii. pence in euery pounde. Ex-
 cept and out of the premises deducted, such somes of money as any per-
 son

son, or persons before chargeable owe, and in his, or their conscience truly mynde to pay. And excepted also the apparell of suche persons, their wyues, and childzen belonging to their owne bodies, savinge Jewels, gold, silver, stone, and perle. Excepted also alwaies from the charge, assessment, and payment of the said releves, al money, goodes, and cattals of Orphanes, bequethed, or left vnto them by their parentes, or other theyr fren- des, deceased. And that all plate, coyne, iuels, goodes, debtes, and cattals personals, beyng in the rule and custodie of any person, or persones to the vse of any corporation, fraternitie, guild, mistery, brotherhed, compaigne or any comminalty being corporat, or not corporat, be & shalbe rated, set and charged by reason of this acte, at the value certified by the present- tours of the certysicat to be swozne, of euery pounce in goodes, and deb- tes, as is abovesaid. And the sommes that are before reherfed, set and taxed, to be leuied, and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes, in cu- stody, as is before reherfed. And the same person or persones, and bodie corporat, by thauuthoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against hym or them, that shall, or ought to haue the same at the tyme of the paiment, or deliuey therof, or at hys otherwise departure from the Custodie, or pos- session of the same. Except and alwayes forpysed from the charge and assessment of this relief, all goodes, cattals, Jewels, and Ornamentes of Churches and chappelles, ordeined, and vsed in churches or chappelles, for deuine seruice therein to be celebrated.

Also we the kynges Maiesties subiettes do geue, and graunt to hys highnes. viii. d. to be paid perely, during the said. iii. yeres, by euery other person, not borne vnder the kynges obeisaunce, being denisen, or not de- nizen, other the women couert, souldiours, and such persons, as be vnder thage of. xii. yeres, dwellinge, or resiant within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions. And the said releves shalbe by thauuthoritie afoze said, taxed, assessed, and rated, during the said. iii. yeres in euery shire, ry- dyng, lath, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, toun, and euery other place, within this realme of England, and Wales, and other the kynges domi- nions in fourme folowynge: That is to saye, the first yere before the. xx. daye of Marche, and the other two yeres, before the. xx. daye of January. The first payment of the said relief, to be had, made, and payde, at the re- ceipt of the kynges exchequer before the. vi. day of Maie next comminge. And the second to be made and payde, at the said receipt, before the. xx. day of Apryll, whyche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God after the com- putacion of the church of England. m. d. l. And the third payment to be had, and made at the said receit, before the. xx. day of Apryll, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde. M. D. li. And the sommes abovesayde of and for the said Reliefe, shalbe sette, tasked, and demaunded, taken, ga- thered, leuied, and payde, vnto the vse of our sayde souereygne Lorde hys heires, and Successors, in forme abovesayde, as well within lybertyes, fraunchises, sanctuaries, auncient demesne, and other whatsoeuer pla- ce, exempte, or not exempte, as without. Excepte suche thynges, places, and persons,

persons, as shalbe forprised, in and by this present act: any graunt, charter, prescription, vse or lyberte, by reason of any letters patentes, or of ther priuilege, prescription, allowaunce of thesame or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vled, or obtayned notwithstandinge: And it is further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche persone, as well suche as be borne vnder the kynges obeyssaunce, as euery other persone straunger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabitynge within this realme, or within Wales, or other the kynges dominions, whiche at the tyme of the said assessinge or taxation yerely to be had or made, shalbe out of thys realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattals, within thys realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for thesame, by the certificat of the inhabitauntes of the parties, wher such goodes, cattals, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shalbe, or in suche other place where suche person or his factoz, deputie or attorney, shall haue his most resorte vnto, within this Realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner as yf thesame person were or had been at that tyme of thesame assessing within this realme And that euery person, abidyng or dwelling wythin thys realme, or wythout thys realme, shalbe charged, and chargeable to thesame reliefe, graunted by this act, accoꝝding and after the rate, of the value of his substaunce, goodes and cattals, and other premisses, as suche person so to be charged, shalbe set at in the tyme of thesayde assessinge, or taxation vpon him to be made, and in none otherwise.

And further we the kynges subiectes, do geue and graunt frely to his hyghnes, one other reliefe to be payed, yerely during, iii. yeres, at the receipte of the kynges exchequer, after the rate and in maner and fourme folowing, that is to say, of euery Cwe, kept for the moste part of the yere in seuerall, salte or freshe marshes, or in seuerall pasture, that is to saye groundes not Common; nor commonly vled to be tyllid. iii. pence. Of euery wether, and other there sheepe kepte in pasture or marshes, as is aforesaid, two pence. And of euery there sheepe kept on commons or on seuerall groundes, commonly vled to bee tyllid, thre halfe pence. To be payed yerely durynge thesaid thre yeres, by the owner, or owners of the same shepe, and not by any person that hathe thesame sheepe in farme, or by leasse, payeng a rent, or any other profite for thesame, or whiche is, or shalbe bounde by any maner of couenaunt, or suretie to restore thesame or as many sheepe, or the value therof at any tyme.

And provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthortie aforesayde that euery persone not hauyng aboue the nombze of ten there shepe, shall paye yerely durynge thesaid thre yere, one half peny for the poll of euery suche there sheepe, and that euery person hauyng aboue ten there sheepe, and not aboue twenty, shall pay for euery of them but one peny, durynge euery of thesaid iii. yeres, any thinge befoze in this graunt of the reliefe of sheepe, contained to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandinge. The first payment of thesayde reliefe of sheepe, to be made befoze the first day of

of November next commyng: the second befoze the first daie of November whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. l. And the thyrde befoze the first day of November, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. li.

Provided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if the value of the shepe, cattell, & other movable goodes, of him, or her, that hath the shepe chargeable to the payment of the said relief, being rated and gathered into one whole and entire summe and value, shalbe founde greater, and moze for the aduancement of this reliefe then the payment that ought to be made by the polle of the said shepe, as is befoze declared, that then the owner of the said shepe, shall not be chargeable wyth the payment, after the rate of the polle. And yf it shall appeare that the payment after the rate of the polle shall excede in value, and be moze beneficial to the king, then the money rated of the whole substance of any persone: That then suche persone hauyng shepe shalbee charged to paye after the rate of the polle, and not after the value of hys entire substance. The relief payed the yere befoze of his entire substance to be taken, and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the yeres ende vppon the accompte made for the polle of his shepe.

Also wee the kynges sayde subiectes by the aucthoritie aforesayde, do geue and graunt vnto the kynges Maiestie, one other Reliefe, that is to saie. viii. pence of the ponde, of the pryce and value of all and synghuler Wollen clothes, Carseyes, Fryses, Cottons, Kendales, and all other kinde of wollen clothes, of what sort or making soeuer they be, that from the feast of the Nativite of saynt John Baptist next commyng, during thre yeres then next folowynge shalbe made by any persone to be put to sale, the same Relief to be leued and gathered yerely durynge the said. iiii. yeres, of the maker of the said clothe, in suche maner and forme as hereafter in this act shalbe declared.

Provided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf it shall appere that the rate of. viii. d. of the ponde of the pryce, and value of the clothe, by suche Clothier made as is aforesaid, shall excede the rate of. xii. pence of the ponde, of hys gooddes and cattals, that then every suche Clothier, shall paie onely after the rate of viii. d. of the ponde of the clothes, and not after the value of hys gooddes and cattals, the Relief payed the first yere of his entier substance to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the firste yeres ende vpon accompt, for the clothes by him made as is aforesayde. The second Relief, payed of hys entier substance to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the second yeres ende vpon accompt for the clothes by hym made as is aforesayde. And the thirde Relief payed of his entier substance to be taken and accompted as parcell of the summe

that shalbe due and payable in the whole at the thirde yeres ende bypon
 accompt for the clothes by hym made, as is aforesaid.

Provided also, and bee it ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite a-
 foresaid, that if any person to thintent to defraude the kynges maiestie
 of the Relieves graunted by thys acte, or any parte therof, do colour and
 take upon hym, by the assent or consent of the true owner thereof to bee
 owner, or proprietary of any goodes, sheepe, clothes, or other thynges
 chargeable to the payment of thesaid Relief, and in dede shalbe founde,
 tryed or proued, not to be iust and right owner therof, upon any infozma-
 tion therof to be made in the kynges court of Exchequer within .ii. yeres
 nexte after suche offence that not onely suche goodes, sheepe, clothes, and
 other thynges, or the value thereof shalbe forfayted to the kyng, but also
 the partie so falsely colouryng thesame, or pretendyng to be owner, or
 proprietary of thesame, shall forsaite and lose to the kyng, the treble va-
 lue therof to be leued of his goodes and cattals, landes, and tenementes
 to the kynges vse.

And to the entent that the kynges maiestie may be iustlye and trulye
 satisfied of thesaid Relief, of the value and substance of every mannes
 goodes, and other summes, to be payed by straungers, Denizens or not
 Denizens by vs to his hyghnes geuen in maner & fourme afoze expessed
 and in no part therof to be defrauded, as our intent and hope is his grace
 shall not be: Be it ordeyned and enacted by thaurthorite aforesayde, that
 the lord Chaunceloz of Englande, the lord Thesauror of England, the
 lord President of the kynges most honorable counsaill, the Lord Priue
 Seale, and the lord great Chamberlaine of England, for the time beinge
 or two of them at the least, wherof the lord Chaunceloz or the lord Thes-
 sauror to be one of them, shall and may name & appoynt of and for every
 shyre, ryding and other places, aswell within this realme, as in Wales,
 and other the kynges dominions, as also for every Citie and towne, be-
 ynge a countie of it selfe, and of and for the Isle of Wyght, suche certain
 nomber of persons of every of thesame shyres, rydinges, lathes, wapen-
 takes, rapes, cities, Townes, and the Isle of Wyght, & every other place
 and other the inhabitauntes of thesame to be Comissioners within the
 same, wherof they be inhabitauntes, and also of and for the honourable
 householdes of the kyng our soueraigne lord, the Lady Marye, and the
 Lady Elizabeth graces, the kynges Maiesties sisters, certaine head offi-
 cers of thesame, to be Comissioners of thesame householdes, in what shy-
 res or other places thesayde householdes shall happen then to be, and the
 lord Chaunceloz or lord Thesauror, and other wyth him befoze named
 in like maner maye name and appoynt of every other suche borough and
 towne corporate aswell in England, as in Wales, and other the kynges
 dominions, as they shall thynke requisite. vi. b. iii. ii. of the head offi-
 cers, and other sad and honest inhabitauntes of every thesayde Cytyes,
 Boroughes and townes corporate, accorpyng to the number and mul-
 titude,

stude of people beyng in the same, the whiche persons (yf anye suche bee)
 thereunto named, of the said inhabitauntz of the said Boroughes and
 townes corporate, not beyng countie in themselves, shalbe idynged and
 put as commissioners with the persons, named for suche shires, and ry-
 dynges as the said boroughes, and townes corporate, not beyng coun-
 ties in themselves be set, and have their being, which persones so named
 for and of the said Boroughes, and townes corporate not beyng Coun-
 ties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not take upon them ne
 none of them to put any part of their commission in execution for the pre-
 sences out of the said Borough, or tounne corporate, wherein they being
 so named only for the same, be dwelling, and also not to execute the said
 commission, within the borough, or tounne corporate, wher they be so dwel-
 ling, but ioyntly with iii. at the least of the other commissioners, wythin
 the shire, or ryding, and in that commission wherein they be so dwelling,
 at suche dayes, and tymes, as the said other Commissioners, for the same
 shire, and riding, shal therunto limit and appoint within the same Bo-
 rough, or tounne corporate, not beyng county corporate wherof they so be
 and not out of such borough, or tounne, and in that maner to be apoynte &
 assysting, with the said other commissioners, in and for the good execu-
 tyng of the effect of the said commission, upon payne of every of the said
 Commissioners so named for everye suche Cite, borough, and tounne cor-
 porate, not beyng a countie, to makee suche fine as the said other commisi-
 oners in the commission, of and for the said shire, or ryding so named, or
 thre of them at the least: shal by their discretions set and certifie into the
 kynges Exchequer, there to be leuied to the use of our souereygne Lorde
 the king, in lyke maner as such, or like somes had ben set and rated upon
 suche person for the said reliefe. The whiche commissioners so named,
 of and for the said cities, boroughes, & townes, not beyng countie, and
 onely put in the said commission, by reason of their dwelling in the same
 shal not haue any parte of the portion of the fees, and rewardes for the
 commissioners and their clerkes in this act afterwarde specified. And the
 chauncellour of England, or keper of the kynges great seale for the tyme
 beyng, shal make, and direct out of the Courte of Chauncery, vnder the
 kynges great seale severall commissions, that is to say, to every shire, ry-
 dyng, lathe, wapentake, rape, cite, tounne, borough, Isle, and household,
 unto suche persone, and persones, as by hys discretyn, and other worth
 hym before appointed and named, in lyke maner and forme as is before
 reherced, shalbe thought sufficient for the Dessynge, and leuenge of the
 said Reliefe in all Shires and places, accordynge vnto the true mea-
 ninge of this acte, whiche Commission shalbe directed, and belyuered to
 the said Commissioners, or to one of them perely durynge the said three
 yeres, in maner & forme folowing, that is to saye: the first yere before the
 x. daye of Marche nexte commynge, and the other two yeres, perely be-
 fore the first daye of January, and to every of the said commissions. r. ce.

dules, confayninge in theym the tenour of this acte, shalbe affided, the whiche Commyssion, the Commissioners in euerye suche Commyssion named accoꝝd ynge vnto this acte, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the kynges Commyssion, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to put the effect of the same Commyssion in execution. And that by aucthoritie of this acte, after such comission to them directed perely duringe the saied. iiij. yeres, they may by their assentes & agrementes, seuer themselves for the execution of their comission, in hundzedes, lathes, wardes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, parishes and other places, within the limittes of their saied comission, in such forme as to them shal seme expedient to be ordeed, and betwene them to be commoned and agreed, accoꝝd ynge to the tenour and effect of the comission to them therein directed, vpon whiche seuerance, euerye person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundzeth where he dwelleth.

Provided alwaies, that no persone be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present acte, but onely in the shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this acte, or any parte thereof. And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commyssioners, and euery of them which shalbe named, limited, & appointed accoꝝd ynge vnto this acte, to be Commissioners in euerye suche shire, ryding, lath, wapentake, rape, Cytie, Toun, borough, Isle, or any other place, that the saied commissioners and none other, shall truly, effectually and diligently for their parte, execute the effect of this present acte, accoꝝd ynge to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none other wyse by any other meanes wythout omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary hereof: & the saied Commissioners, or as many of theym as shalbe appointed by the saide Commyssion, and none other, for the execution of the saied commyssion, and acte shall the first yere of the payment of this Relief of goodes, befoze the xx. daye of Marche, & the other two yeres, perely befoze the xvi. daye of January, by vertue of the commissions, deliuered vnto them, in fourme abovesaid, direct their seueral or ioynt precept vnto. viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. or. iii. or. ii. or. i. as for the number of the inhabitantes shalbe requisite, of the most substantiaill, discrete and honest persones inhabitauntes, to be named by the saied Commissioners, or by as many of theym as shalbe appoynted by the saied Commyssion, of and in hundzedes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, wardes, parishes, townes, and other places, as well within liberties, franchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries as without, within the limittes of the shires, rydinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes, boroughes, or Isle aforesayd, & other places within the limittes of their comission, and to the Constables, subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke offycers or ministers, of euerye of the saied

rated hundredes, townes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, parishes, and of
 ther places beforesaid: as to thesaid Commissioners, and euery nom-
 ber of them vnto th^e. 02. ii. of them, by their discretion in diuision, shall
 seme expedient, as by the maner and vse of that parties shalbe requisite,
 straitly by the same precepte, charging & commaunding the same inhabi-
 tauntes, constables, and other officers aforesaid to whom suche precepte
 shalbe so directed to appere, in their proper persones befoze thesaid com-
 missioners, 02 suche nombze of them as they shall deuide theiueselues, ac-
 cordinge to the tenour of thesaid commission, at certeyne dayes and pla-
 ces by thesaid commissioners, 02 any nombze of theym, as is abouesayde
 within cities, boroughes, 02 townes corporate, 02 withoute in any other
 place as is aforesaid, by their discretions shalbe limited therunto, to do
 and accompyse all that to theym, on that parte of our soueraigne Lozde
 the kyng shalbe enioyned touching this acte: commaunding further by
 the same precept, that he to whose handes suche precept shall come, shall
 shewe, 02 deliuer the same, to the other inhabitants, 02 officers, named
 in the same precept; and that none of them faile to accompyse the same,
 vpon paine of forty shillings, to be forfeited to the kyng.

And it is further ordeined by thesaid auctorite of this parliament,
 that thesayde day, and place, prefixed, and limited in thesaid preceptes,
 euery of the commissioners, then being in the shire, and hauynge no suffi-
 cient excuse for his absence, shall at thesaid daye, and place prefixed for
 that part, wherunto he was limited, appere in propre persone, and there
 the same commissioners, beyng present, 02 as many as shalbe appoynted,
 by the kynges Commission, shall call, 02 cause to be called befoze them, the
 said inhabitants, & Officers, to whome they haue directed their sayde
 preceptes, and which had in commaundement, there to appere by thesaid
 precept of thesayde commissioners. And if any persone so warned, make
 default, onles he then be letted, by sickenes, 02 lawfull excuses, & that let
 then to be witnessed by the othes of. ii. credible persones: 02 if any so ap-
 pearing, refuse to be swozne in forme folowing, to forfeit to the king. xl. s.
 and so at euery tyme duringe thesayde thre yerres, prefixed for the same
 cause, vnto suche tyme, the nombze of euery suche persones, haue appered
 and certified in forme vnder wyrtten: and euery of them so makynge de-
 fault, 02 refusynge to be swozne, to forfeit to the kyng forty. s. and vpon
 the same apperaunce had, one of the moost substaunce all inhabitauntes
 02 offyter, so there beyng warned, and apperynge befoze thesaid Com-
 missioners, shalbe swozne verely during thesaid thre yerres, vpon a booke
 openly befoze the commissioners, in forme folowing.

I shall truly enquire with my felowes, that shalbe charged wyth me
 of the hundred, wapentake, warde, towne, 02 other place, of the beste and
 most value of the substaunce of euery persone, dwellinge, and abydynge
 within the limites of the places, that I and my felowes shalbe char-
 ged wyth, & of other which shal haue his 02 their most resort vnto any of
 thesaid places, & chargeable with any some of money by this act, of thys

sayde

saied relief, and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touching thesaied act, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and there upon, as here as it maye, or shall come to my knowlege, not only truly to present and certify before you, the names, surnames, addicions, and the best and bettermost substance, and values of every of them, of theyr goodes, cattalles, dettes, and other thynges, chargeable by thesaied act, and howe many straungers, denizens, or not denizens, beyng above the age of .xii. yerres, be resident, and dwelling within the limites of my charge, of what value in goodes, and other thynges, chargeable to the payment of this relief they be, and whether they be householders, or seruauntes, or otherwyse, vnder the rule, and gouernement of their parentes withoute anye concealement, fauour, lone, affection, dread, feare, or malice, so helpe me God, and the holy contentes of this booke.

And euery other person, that shall appere there yerlye by thesaied preceptes, shal make like othe, and vpon the othe so take as is beforesaid, by inhabitauntes and officers of every hundred, ward, wapentake, toun, or other place, thesaied commissioners shal yerely openly there reade, or cause to be redde vnto them, thesaied rates, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner & forme they ought and shoulde make their certificates, accordyng to the rates and sommes thereof abouesaid and of all maner of persons, as well of aliens and straungers, Denizens or not denizens, inhabited within this realme, as of suche persons, as be bozne within the kynges obesaunce chargeable to this act, & of the goodes & cattals of fraternities, guildes, corporations, brotherhodes, misteries, companyes, and communalities, and other as is abouesayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the sea, hauing goodes or cattals within this realme as is beforesaid, & of al goodes being in custodie to the vse of any other, as is abouesaid, by the which information, and shewing thesaied persons, shal haue suche plain knowlege of the true content of this present act, and of the maner of their certificat, that thesame persons shal haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after suche othes, and the statute of thesaied relief, and the maner of the said certificat, to be made in wrytinge, containinge the names, surnames and addicions of euery person, and whether he be bozne without the kynges obesaunce, or within, and the best value of euery persone in euery degree of the value of goodes, and cattalles, dettes, and euery thyng to theyr sayde certypicat requisite, and necessary to them declared: thesaied commissioners there beyng, shal by their discretions appoint a limit, vnto thesaied persons an other daye and place to appere before thesaied commissioners, & charging thesaied persons, that they in the meane tyme shal make diligent enquiry by al wayes, and meanes of the premisses, and thether euery of them vpon paine of forfaiture of .xx. s. to the kyng, to appere at thesaied newe prefixed day & place, there to certifie, vnto thesaied commissioners in wryting, accordyng to their said charge & accordyng to the true intent of thesaied graunt of relief, & as to them in maner aforesaid

saied hath ben declared and shewed by the commissioners, at which day and place so to them prefixed, if any of thesaied persons make default, or appere, & refuse to make thesaied certificat that then euery of them so offending to forfeit to the kyng. xl. s. Except onely a reasonable excuse for hys default by reason of sycknes, or otherwys by the othes of two credyble persons there witnessed be had: and of suche as appere redy to make certificat, as is aforesaid, thesaied commissioners there beyng shall take and receyue thesame certificat and euery part therof, and the names values and substaunce of euery person so certified. And if thesame commissioners se cause reasonable, they shall examine thesame presentours therof and there vpon thesaied commissioners at thesayde dayes and place by theyr agreement among themselves shall perely during thesaid thre yerres openly there prefix a daye, at a certein place, or places within the limites of their commission, by their discretion, for their further procedynge, to thesayde assessyng of thesame relief, and thereupon at thesayd day of thesaied certificat, as is beforesaid taken, thesame commissioners shall make theyr precept, or preceptes to the constables, subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers of suche hundredes, wapentakes, townes, or other places aforesayde, as thesame Commissioners shalbe of, compysing, and conteining in thesame precept, the names, surnames, and addicions of all persones presented befoze them in thesaied certificates: of whom if thesayde commissioners, or as many of theym as shalbee thereunto appoynted by the kynges commission shall then haue behement suspect to be of moze greater value, or substaunce in goodes, cattails, or sommes of money owynge to them, or other substaunce beforesayde, then vpon suche person, or persones shalbe certified, thesame commissioners shall make their precepte, or preceptes directed to the constables, bayliffes, & other offycers, to whome suche precept shalbe directed to warne suche persones whose names shall be copysed in thesaid precept, at their mancions, or to their persones, that thesame persons so named in such preceptes, & euery of them, shall personally appere befoze thesaied commissioners at thesame new prefixed day and place there to be swozne and examined by alwaies, & meanes by the saied commissioners of their greatest substaunce and best value, and of al and euery sommes of money owynge to them, and othet whatsoever matter concerninge the premises or any of theym, accordinge to thys acte. At which day, & place so prefixed, thesaied commissioners then ther being, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the kynges commission shall cause to be called thesayde persons, whose names shalbe compysed, in thesaied precept, as it is beforesayde for their examination. And yf any of the persones which shoulde be warned, as is beforesayde, to be examined, whyche at any tyme after the warnyng, and befoze the prefixed date shalbe within suche place, where he may haue knowlege of thesaid apperance to be made, make default and appere not, onles a reasonable cause or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons befoze the saide

saide Commissioners be truly alleged for his discharge, that then every of them so making default, to be taxed and charged to the kynge with and at the double summes of the rate that he should or ought to have been set at for and after the best value of his goodes & substance upon him certified, if he had appered by the discrecion of the Commissioners there being And in like maner if any of them suspected, as is beforesaid, appere and refuse to be swozne in fourme folowynge: then every suche offendour to be taxed & charged to the king with & at the double summe of the rate that he shoulde or oughte to have been set, for and after the best value of his substance upon him certified by thesaide persons that made the certificat as is beforesaid, by the discrecions of the Commissioners there then beinge and everye of the persons so there then apperinge, whose names shalbe expressed in thesaide precept or preceptes and in whome any vehement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme abovesaid, shall travaile with the same person so suspect, by all suche waies and meanes they can: And further thesaide Commissioners, or as many of theym as shalbe hereunto appointed by thesaide Commission, by their discrecion shal openly swere thesame person, in this maner and fourme folowynge.

I shal faithfully, truly, & plainly according to my knowlege, shewe unto you the kinges commissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greatest value or aboue of al my goodes, and cattals, and summes of money to me owing, according to the graunt of this act of relief & truly answer to that I shalbe examined of touching the premises, without couyn or deceipt, so helpe me God, and the holy contentes of this boke.

And if any person that shoulde appere be excused in forme aforesayde by witnes of credible persons, thesame persons shalbe examined by theyr othes of his or their greatest & best value and substance so lackinge and excused, and the best of their certificat or knowlege, or of the other fyfthe certificat upon him or them made, thesame person so lacking and excused of his apparance to be set and rated by thesaide commissioners or otherwise, to be set and rated in this case as shall seme best by the discrecyons of thesaide commissioners. And if it happē to be proued by witnes, his owne confession or other lawfull waies or meanes, within one yere after any suche othe made, that thesame person so taxed and swozne, was of any greater or better value in his goodes or other thynges aboue specyfied at the tyme of his said othe, then thesame person so swozne did declare upon his othe: That then suche persons so offending shal lose and forseyte to the king. iiii. times so muche in lawfull money of England, as thesame person so swozne was set and taxed at, to pay for thesaide relief.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be he Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, do finde himselfe greued with thesame presentment, selling or taxynge, & therupon complayne to the commissioners, befoze whome he shalbe rated, celled or taxed, or befoze ii. of them, that then thesaide commissioners, shal by al waies & meanes examine

mine particularly and distinctly the persone so complaynante and other his neighboꝝ by their discretion, of euery his goodes, cattals, & debtes aboue mencioned, and after due examination, and perfect knowlege therof had & perceiued, by thesaied Commissioners, whiche shall haue power, by the auctoritie aforesaid: thesaied commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaint shalbe made, by their discretions vpon the othe of thesayde person so complaining may abate, defalke, encrease, or enlarge thesame asselment, accoꝝding as it shall appere to them iust vpon thesayde examination, and thesame some so abated, defalked, encreased or enlarged by them, to be created in foꝝme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come befoꝝe thetreates of thesaied asselment, be deliuered by thesayde Commissioners, into the kynges Exchequer. And if it be pꝛoued by wytnes his owne confession, or other lawfull waies or meanes, within a yere after any such othe made, that thesame person so taxed, and swoꝝne, was of any better, or greater value in goodes, or other thynges aboue specified, at the tyme of hys said othe then thesame person so swoꝝne dyd declare vpon his said othe. that then euery suche person so offending shal lose and forseyt to the kyng, foure tymes so muche in lawfull money of Englande, as thesame persone so swoꝝne was set, or taxed to paye. And all persones, set, rated, and taxed as is aforesaid, shalbe bounde, & charged by thesame, & the some, or somes vpon hym set, to be due towarde the payment of this reliefe, and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

And it is also enacted by thesaied auctoritie, that euery persone perely during thesaid thye yeres, as is aforesaid, shalbe rated, taxed, and set, and the summe on hym set, to be leuied at suche place, where he and his family at the tyme of thesame presentment to be made, shall kepe hys house or dwellyng, or where he then shalbe moost conuersant, abydinge or resiaunt, or shall haue his mooste resoꝝte, and shalbe best known at the tyme of thesaied certificat to be made, and no where els. And that no Commissioner for his Relief of goodes, shalbe rated, or taxed for hys goodes, but in the shire, citie, or other place, wher he dwelleth, and is commissioner: and if any persone, chargeable to this Acte, at the tyme of thesayde asselment, happen to bee out of this Realme, and oute of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowne, then he to be set where he was last abidyng in this realme, or within Wales and best known. And after the substance, and value of euery persone known by the examination, certificat, and other maner of wyle, as is aforesayde, thesayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the kynges commission, shall after the rate aforesaid, set and taxe, euery persone, accoꝝdyng to the rate of substance, and value of his goodes, and cattalles: whereby the greatest and moost best summe, accoꝝdyng to his moost substance, by reason of this acte, ought, or may be set, or taxed.

Be it also ordeined by the saide auctoritie, that no person hauinge two mancions, or two places to resoꝝte vnto, or calling himself houtholde seruaunt

seruaunt or waiting seruaunt, to the kinges highnes, hys graces sytters, or to any noble man or woman, shalbe excused vpon his saynge, from the tace of thesated reliefe in eyther of the places wher he maie be set, onlesse he bringe a certificat in wrytyng from the commissioners, where that he is so set in dede at one place. And yf any happen to be set in twoo places vpon certificat thereof made, the best and moſte summe vpon hym so taxed, to be taken and abyde, and the other to be discharged, so that the same certificat of hys assessyng and payment, be made therof in wrytyng, vnder the seales of the commissioners, or of as manye of theym as shalbe apointed by the kynges commission: whiche certificat so made shalbe at all tymes a sufficient discharge for him, and the Collectoz of thesame, aswell against any Collectoz, that shall demaund thesame vpon hym rated or taxed, as against the kyng and all other persones.

And if any person that ought to be set, by reason of his remouynge or resortyng to two places, or by reason of hys saynge, that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuilege, by hys dwellingge or abydyng in any place, not beyng forpysed in thys acte, or any other wyse by hys counyn or crafte, happen to escape from the yerely assessyng, and bee not set, and that proued by presentment, examinacion or informacyon, befoze thesaide Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe by thesame commission appointed, or by the Barons of the Kynges Exchequer, or ii. Justices of the Peace of that countrey, where suche persone dwelleth: then euery suche persone, that by suche meanes or other wyse, wilfully by counyn shall happen to escape from the assessyng of thesated Relieffes, or of any of them, and not be rated, taxed, and set, shalbe charged, vpon the knowlege and profe therof, with, and at the double value that he should or ought to haue ben set at afore, accoꝝdyng to his behauiour: thesame double value to be leuied, gathered and payed of his goodes, and cattails, landes and tenementes, towarde thesayde Reliefe, and further to be punished, accoꝝdyng to the discrecyons of the Barons, Justices or commissioners, befoze whom he shalbe conuicted for hys offence and deceypt in that behalfe.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the authozytie aforesayde, that not onely euery assessor shalbe rated, taxed, and assessed yerely, during thesaide thre yeres, for the value of hys goodes and cattalles, by the Commissioners, or the moſte parte of them, by whom he is appointed to bee an Assessor, but also that euery Commissioner assygned and deputed, for the orderyng, taxyng, ratinge, and leuyng of this Relief, graunted to the kynges Maieſtie, of. xii. d. of the pounce, of the value of euery mannes goodes dwellingge wythin the precinct and limitte of hys commission, for hys owne substance in goodes, shalbe selled, rated, valued and rated yerely, during thesayde thre yeres, by the examinacyon, taxacion and sellinge of the reste of the Commissioners, named in the same Commission

Commission, or the moſte parte of them, after ſuche value of his goodes and cattalles, as is mentioned in thys acte. And that all perſones of the eſtate of a Baron or Baronneſſe, not beyng marved, and euery eſtate aboue ſhalbe examined and charged, of payment of thys Reliefe of their goodes, beſore the Lorde Chauncellour, the Lorde Treſurer of England, and Lorde Priuey Seale for the tyme beyng, or other perſones by the kynges aucthoritie to be limited. And they to be charged yearly, duringe the ſayde thre yeres, for theyr goodes and ſubſtaunce, accor dyng to theyr examination afozeſaid. And the ſummes vpon them ſet with the names of Collettours appoynted, for the gatherynge and payinge of the ſame, be extreated, deliuered, and certiſied at dayes and places aboue ſpecified by the ſayde Chauncelloz, Treſurer, or Lorde Priuey Seale, for the tyme beinge, or ſuche other perſones, as ſhalbe appoynted by the kynges highnes.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie afozeſayde, that after the Taxes and Aſſeſmentes, of the ſaide ſummes, vpon and by the ſaide examination and certificate, as is afozeſaide made, the ſaide Commiſſioners ſhall yerely duringe the ſaide thre yeres, wythin tenne dayes nexte after the taxation and aſſeſment, of payment of the ſaid Reliefes, by wrytyng indented to be made of the ſayde taxation and aſſeſment, vnder the Seales and ſignes manuelles of the ſayde Commiſſioners, deliuer vnto ſufficient and ſubſtantial inhabitauntes, Conſtables, Subconſtables, Bailiffes, or theyr officers, ioyntly of Hundredes, Townes, Pariſhes, and other places afozeſaide within their limites, or to other ſufficient perſones, inhabitauntes of the ſame, onely by the diſcretion of the ſame Commiſſioners, and as the place and parties ſhall require, as well the particuler names and ſurnames, as the remembraunce of all ſummes of money, taxed and ſet of and vpon euery perſon, as well manne as woman chargeable to thys acte, houſholder, and all other inhabitauntes and dwellers, and all Fraternities, Gylde, Corporations, Miſteries, Brotherhoddes, Companies and Communalities, corporate or not corporate, within the ſaid pariſhes, townes and places, contributoz to this act of Relief. By aucthoritie of which wryting, or eſtreat ſo deliuered, the ſaide officers or other perſones ſo named, and deputed ſeuerally, ſhall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this act, immediately after the deliuey of the ſaide wryting or eſtreat, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery perſon and Fraternitie, Gylde, Corporation, Miſtery, Brotherhod, Compaignie and Comminaltie, corporate or not corporate therein ſpecified, the ſumme or ſummes in the ſame wrytinge or eſtreat compziſed. And for none paiement thereof to diſtraine the goodes and cattalles, of ſuche perſon, Fraternitie, Gylde, Corporation, Miſtery, Brotherhod, Compaignie and Comminaltie, corporate or not corporate, and the diſtreſſe ſo taken, to keepe by the ſpace of. viii. dayes at the coſtes and charges of the owner thereof: And if the ſayde owner doo not

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paye suche summe of money, as shalbe taxed by this act, within the same
 viii. dayes then the saide distresse to be appysed, by. iiii. iii. or. ii. of the in-
 habitaunces, where such distresse is taken, and also to be sold by the sayd
 Constable and other Collectoz for the payment of the sayde money: and
 the ouerplus coming of the sale and keeping therof (if any be) to be im-
 mediately restored to the owner of the same distresse, which sayde officers
 and other persones so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie the saide
 summes, shall answere and be charged for their portion, onelye to them
 assigned or limitted, to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in the said writ-
 ting or estreate, to them as is aforesayde deliuered, vnto the vse of oure
 soueraigne Lord the kyng, his heires and successozs, and the saide summe
 in that writing or estreat comprised, to pay vnto the high collectoz or col-
 lectozs of that place for the collection of the same, in maner and forme
 vnder written, to be named and deputed: and the same inhabitantes and
 officers, so gatherynge the same perticuler summes, for theyr collection
 thereof, shall retaigne for every. xx. s. so by them receyued and payed. ii. d.
 and that to be allowed at the payment of theyr collection, by theym to be
 made by the high collectoz or collectozs.

Provided alwaies, and be it ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie
 aforesaide, that if any person not beinge the Kinges Subject naturallie
 borne, Denisen or not denisen, beinge aboue the age of. xii. yeaeres, and not
 woorth. xx. s. in goodes, and be at the time of the payment of the Relieves
 of. viii. d. due by this act of euerye suche person, or at any time during the
 said thre yeres, in seruice with any man or woman, or vnder the gover-
 naunce of his or her father or mother, that euerye such master or masters,
 father or mother, shalbe charged with the payment thereof, for such per-
 son in like maner and forme, as he or she is or ought to be for the relieves
 due by them selues. And that it shalbe lefull for euerye suche Master and
 Masters to defaulke, abate, and retaigne of the wages of such seruaunt,
 so much as he or she had befoze payd for such seruaunt towarde the pai-
 ment of the sayde Relieves.

And further be it enacted by the said aucthoritie of this present Parla-
 ment, that the said commissioners, shall yerely during the said. iii. yeaeres
 name such sufficient and able persones, which then shall haue and possede
 landes, or other hereditamentes in theyr owne right, of the yerely value
 of. x. pounde, or goodes to the value of an. C. marke at the leaste, and the
 same persons seuerally, by the discretions of the same Commissioners in
 Chires, ridinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corpozate and
 other, whatsoeuer places aswel within places priuiledged, as without not
 beinge comprised in this act, to be high Collectozs, and haue the collection
 and receipt of the said summes, set and leuiable within the pzeinct, limits
 and boundes, where they shalbe so limitted to gather and receyue to
 euery of the whych Collectozs so seuerally named the sayde Commis-
 sioners, or. ii. of them at the least, yerely during the said. iii. yeres within. xii.
 dayes

Daies next after the said whole summe of the said Relifes, shalbe set and rated by al the limites of the same their commissions, or in suche limites as the high collectozs shalbe so severally assigned, shal vnder their seales and signes manuel, deliuer one estreat indented in Parchement to euery of the same high Collectozs, comprizing in it the meanes of all such persones as were assigned to leue the said particuler summes, and the summes of euery Hundzed, Wapentake, towne or other place aforesaid with the names and surnames of the persones so chargeable, according to the estreat so first thereof made (as is befoze said, and deliuered) and the Collectoz, so to be assigned, shalbe charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the said estreate limited to his collection, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that the saide Commissioners hauing aucthoritie by this act to name the said high Collectozs of the saide Relifes perely, during the saide three yeres, shal immediatlye vpon theyr nomination and election, take by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligacions, without anye fee or rewarde to be payed therfore, of euery person, so by them to be named to be highe Collectoz, to be bounden to the kynge in the double summe, of the somme of hys Collection, and to be indorced and made vpon suche condition, that if the sayde Collectoz, hys heires or executozs, do truely content and paye, to the vse of the kynge, hys heires or executours, in hys receipte of hys Exchequier, befoze the daye appoynted by thys acte, so muche of the saide summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his Collection, as he shal collect and gather, and content and paye the residue of his Collection and charge wythin one moneth nexte after suche time, as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the said recognisaunce or obligation to be boide, or els to stand in his full strength and bettrue. Whiche recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde Commissioners shal certifie and deliuer into the kynges Exchequier, with the certificate of the sayde taxation and rate of the saide Reliefe, at, and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this act, vpon paine of forfaiture of .x. pounde to the kyng for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery such Collectoz so elected, named and chosen, vpon request to him made, shal knowlege and make the said recognisaunce or obligation, vpon like paine and forfaiture of .x. pound to the king for the refusall thereof: and euery such Collectoz, so perely deputed, hauynge the saide estreate in Parchement, as is aforesaid, shal haue aucthoritie by this act, perely during the saide three yeres, to appointe daies and places, within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the saide Reliefe to him to be made, and thereof to geue warning by Proclamation or otherwise, to all the sayd Constables, or other persones or inhabitauntes, hauynge the charge of the particuler collection within the Hundzedes, Parishes, Townes, or other places by hym or them limited, to make payment for theyr said particuler collection of

every somite, as to them shall appertene. And if at the said day and place so limited and prefixed by the said Collectors, the said Constables, officers or other persons or inhabitantes (as is aforesaid) for the said particuler collection appointed and assigned wythin suche hundred, citie, towne or other place, doe not pay vnto the said collectors, the summe wythin theyr several hundredes, townes, parishes, and other places, due and comprised in the said estreats thereof to them deliuered by the said Commissioners as is befoze said, or so much thereof, as they haue by any meane receyued (ii. d. of every pound for the sayd particuler collection, as is befoze said, alwayes to be therof allowed, excepted and abated) that then it shalbe lawfull to the said high Collectors, and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distrain euery of the said Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes for their said several and particuler collection of the said summes, comprised in the said estreate and writing therof, to them and euery of them, as is befoze expessed, deliuered, or forasmuch of the same summe, as so then shal happen to be gathered and leued, being behinde and vnpaid, by the goodes and cattalles, of euery of them so being behinde: and the distresse so taken, to be kept appzeised and sold, as is aforesaid: and therof to take and leuy the summe so then being behinde and vnpaid, and the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restozed and deliuered vnto the owners, in fourme aboue remembred.

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabited in any Citie, Boroughe, or towne corporat, shalbe compelled to be an Assessor or collector, of, or for any part of the said relief, in any place or places, out of the saide citie, Borough or Towne corporate where he dwelleth. And it is also by the sayd aucthoritie enacted, that if anye inhabitaunt or officer, or whatsoever person or persones charged, to, and for the collection or receipte, of anye part or porcion of the said reliefe, in any of the sayd thre yerres, by any maner of meane, according to this act, or any person or persones for them selues, or as keper, deputie, factor or atturney, of, and for anye other person or persons, of any goodes and cattalles, and the owner thereof at the tyme of the said assessyng to be made, beyng out of thys realme, or in any other parties not knownen, or, of and for the goodes and cattalles of anye other person or persons, or of any corporation, fraternitie, Guilde, Mysterie, company, or other whatsoever comminaltie, beyng incorporate or not incorporate, and all persones hauynge in theyr rule, gouernaunce, or custody, any goodes or cattalles, at the tyme of the saide assessyng, or any of them to be made, or whych for any cause, for, and by collection or for hym selfe, or for any other, by reason that hee hath the rule, gouernaunce or custodye of any goodes or cattalles, of any other person or persones fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Comminaltie, Companie, or Mysterie, or any suche other like, or as factor, deputie, or attorney, of, or for anye person, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and set to any sum or sommes, by reason of this act: and after the taxation or assessyng, vpon any suche person or persones

persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same happen to die, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes and cattals to be so eloynd, or in such priue and couert maner kept, and the said person or persons charged with the same, by extretes, or other writing from the said commissioners, cannot ne maye leuie the same somme or summes, comprised within their said extretes by distress, within the limites of their collection, as is aforesaid, or cannot sel such distress, or distresses as to be taken for any of the said perely paymētts, before the time limited to the high Collectour for his payment to be made in the kynges receit: then vpon relatiō therof made, with due examination by the othe, or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the saide Commissioners, or one of them, or before the high collectour or collectors, where such person or persons, or other as is aforesaid, their goodes and cattals wer set and taxed, and vpon plain certifiat therof made into the kynges Exchequer by the saide commissioners, or any one of them, or vpon the othe of one of the high collectors in the said court of the exchequer, of the dwelling place names and summes of the said persons, of whom the said summes cannot be leuied and had as is aforesaid, then aswel the Constables and other inhabitants, appointed for the particular collection against the high collectors, as the high collector vnto his accompt and othe in the said Exchequer to be discharged therof, and procelle to be made for the king out of the said Exchequer, by the discretions of the Barons of the saide Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors so being behinde wth his payment. And ouer that the same commissioners, to whom any such declaration of the premises, shalbe made in fouthe aforesaid, from time to time, shal haue ful power, and authoritie during the said. iii. yeres, to bypset their precept, or preceptes, vnto the said person or persons charged with any some, of, for, or vpon any such person or persons, or other as is abovesayd, or of any Sherifes, Shauers, Bailiffes, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places, where any such person or persons so owing such somme or sommes, shal haue landes and tenementes or other hereditaments, or real possessions, goodes or cattals, wherby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other hauing the custody, gouernance, or disposition of any goodes, cattals, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, wher the ought or may by this act lawfully be distrained or taken for the same hath, and shal haue goodes, cattals, landes, tenementes, or other possessions wherof such some, or summes, which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limit of such commission, wher such person or persons, was, or were taxed, or withoute in anye place within this realme of England, Wales, or other the kynges dominions, marches or territories: by which precept, aswel such person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie such money, as the officers of such place or places where

suche distresse maye bee taken, shall haue full power and authoritie, to distreine euery suche person indebted, charged, or chargeable by this acte or his executors, or administrators, of his goodes, & cattals, his factors deputies, lessees, farmours, & assignes, and all other persones, by whose handes, or out of whose landes, any suche person, shoulde haue rent, fee, annuities, or any other profite, or whiche at the time of the layde assessinges, shall haue goodes, or cattals, or any other thinge mouable, of anye suche persone, or persons beyng indebted, or owynge suche somme. And the distresse so taken, to cause to be kept, appzeised, and sold in like maner and forme as is aforesaid, for the distresse to be taken vpon persones to be taxed to the said Relief, & beyng sufficient to distreine, within the limites of the collectors inhabitauntes, or other officers charged wyth, or for the same somes, to vppon them to be taxed. And yf any suche distresse for none payment happen to bee taken oute of the limit of the persones charged, and assigned to leute the same, the persons so charged for the leuieng of euery suche somme by distresse, shall perceiue, and take of the same distresse, for the laboz of euery persone, goynge for the execution thereof for euery myle that any suche person, so laboereth for the same. ii. d. And euery farmoz, tenaunt, factor, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distreyned, or otherwise charged for payment, of any suche some, or somes, or any other some, by reason of this acte, shalbe of suche some, or somes, of him, or them so leuied and taken, discharged, and acquitted, at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuey of suche goodes, and cattals, as he that is so distreined, had in his custody, or gouernance, againste him, or them, that shalbe so taxed and set: any graunt, or writynge, obligatoyn, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore, notwithstandinge. And if any suche person, that shoulde be so distreined, haue no landes, or tenementes sufficient, wherby he or his tenants and farmozs maye bee distreined, or hath elorped, alieued, or hid his goodes, & cattals, wherby he shoulde, or might be distreined, in suche maner, that suche goodes and cattals, shall not be knowen, or founde, so that the some by him to be paid in the said fourme, shall ne can be conveniently leuted, then vppon relation thereof vnto the commissioners, where such persone, or persones were taxed and set, by the othrs of hym, or them, that shalbe charged with the leute and paymente of that somme, or sommes, the same Commissioners shall make precept, in suche maner, as is aforesaid, for to attache, take, & arrest the body of suche persone, or persones, that ought to paye the sayde somes, and by this act shalbe charged with and for the same some, or sommes, and the so taken safely to be kept in prison, within the shire, or other place where any suche person, or persons shalbe taken, & attached, there to remaine without baile, or mainprise, vntyll he haue payde the some, or somes, that suche persones for himselfe, or for any other by this acte shall be chargeable, or oughte to bee charged withall, and also for the fees of euery suche arrest, to him, or them that shall execute suche precepte. rr. d. And

And that every officer, unto whome suche precept shalbe directed, do bys true diligence to execute thesame vpon every persone so beyng indebted, vpon paine to forfeit to our saide Soueraigne Lord the kyng for every Default in that behalfe. xx. s. And that no keeper of any gaile, fro his gaile suffer any suche person to go at large by letting to baile, or otherwise to Depart out of his pryson, befoze he haue payde his saied debt, and thesayd xx. d. for thesayde arrest, vpon peine to forfeit to our souereygne lord. xl. s. and thesame gailler to pay vnto our saied souereigne Lord, the double value aswell of the rate, whiche thesaid person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of thesaid. xx. d. for the fees. And lyke proces and remedy in lyke forme shalbee graunted by thesayde Commissioners, at lyke informatyon of every persone, or persones, beyng charged with any somme of money for any other persone, or persons by reason of thesaid relieves, euerye of thesaid thre yeres, and not therof paid, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuable within the limit tohere suche person, was therunto taxed, And yf the somme, or somes, beyng behinde vnpaide, by any persone, or persones, as is beforesaid, bee leued, and gathered by force of thesayde proces, to be made by thesame commissioners, or if in default, or for lacke of payment therof, the persone, or persones, so owyng thesayde some, or sommes of money, by proces of thesame commissioners to be made, (as is aforesaid) be committed to pryson in fourme abovesaide, that then the saide commissioners, whiche shall awarde suche proces, shall make certifi-
 ficat thereof in thesayde Exchequer, of that shalbe done, in the premisses in the Terme next folowynge, after suche somme, or sommes of money so beyng behinde, shalbe leued, and gathered, of suche persone, or persones and for none payment of thesame committed to pryson.

And if it happen any of thesaid Collectours, to be assigned, or anye Mayor, Sherif, Steward, Constables, hedboroughes, householder, bay-
 lief, or any other officer, or minister, or other whatsoever persō, or persōs to disobey thesaid commissioners, or any of them, in the resonable request to the made, by thesaid commissioners, for the perely execution of thesayde comission, during thesaid thre yeres, or if any of the officers, or other per-
 sones do refuse that to them shall apperteine, or belong to do, by reason of any precept to be to him or them directed, or any reasonable commaun-
 dement, instaunte, or request, touching the premisses, or other default in any apparance, or collection do make, or if any persō, beyng suspect or not to be indifferently taxed, as is aforesaid, doo refuse to be examined accor-
 dyng to the tenor of this acte, befoze thesayde commissioners, or as manye of them as shalbe therunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appere befoze thesame commissioners, vpo warning to him made, or els make resistace or reskous vpon any distresse, vpon him to be taken for any parcell of the
 said relief, or commit any misbehauour in any maner of wise contrary to this act, or commit any wilful omiffiō, or other whatsoever wilfull none
 doynge, or misdoynge, contrary to the tenor of this act, or graunt thesame
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Commissioners, or two of them at the least, upon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information or examination that & may set upon every such offender, for every such offence in name of a fine by the same offender, to be forfeited. xx. s. or under, by the discretion of the same Commissioners. And further, the said Commissioners, and every number of them, to two of them at the least shall have authority by this present Parliament, to punish every such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seme to them conuenient. The said fines (if any such be) to be certified by the said Commissioners, that so assessed the same into the said kynges Exchequer, there to be leuied & payed, by the collectors of that parties for the said relieves returned into the said Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the said relieves in such manner, as if the said fines had been set & taxed upon the said offenders, for the said relieves.

It is also enacted by the said authority of this present Parliament that every of the said hygh Collectours, whiche shall accompte for any parte of the said relieves in the kynges Exchequer, upon their severall said accomptes to be yelden, shall be allowed yerely during the said three yeres, for every pound limited to his collection, whereof any such Collectour shall be charged and yelde accompte, five pence, as parcell of their sayed charge, that is to say, two pence of every pound thereof, for such persones as then haue had the peticuler collection, in the townes and other places (as is aforesaid) specified in his collection: and other two pence of every pound thereof, every of the said chiefe Collectours ther accomptant, to receive to their owne vse, for their laboꝝ and charge in and about the premises: and two pence of every pound residue to be deliuered, allowed, and payed by the said Collectours, so beyng thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners, as shall take upon them the busines and labour, for, and about the premises: That is to saye, every Collectour to paye that Commissioner or Commissioners, whiche had the ordering and the writinges, of, and for the said Relieves, where the said Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expences of the said Commissioners, so taking upon them the said busyness, and laboꝝ of their clerkes, writinge the said preceptes and estreats for the said collections, the same last. ii. d. of every pound, to bee deuided amongest the said Commissioners, hauinge regarde to the labour & busines taken by them and their sayde clerkes, in and about the premises, for whiche parte so to the said Commissioners attayning, the said Commissioners and every of them jointly and severally, for his or their sayde parte, may haue his remedy agaynst the said Collectour or Collectours, whiche therof been and might haue been allowed, by action of debte, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his law, neither protection or other eloyne shall be allowed.

And that no persone nowe beyng of the number of the companye of

of this present Parliament, nor anye Commissioner shalbe named or assigned to be any collector, subcollector or presentor of the sayde Relieves of anye parte thereof, nor no commissioner shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificat, other then the kinges Exchequier, or for or concerning the said relieves, or any part thereof in any of the said. ii. yerres and in like wise that none other persone, that shalbe named or assigned to be Commissioner in any place, to and for, the execution of this act of relieves in any of the said thre yerres, be or shalbe assigned or named hed collector, in any of the said thre yerres of the said relieves, neither of any part thereof. And that every such person or persones, which shalbe named and appointed (as aforesayde) to be hed Collectours, in and for one of the sayde thre yeares, shal not be compelled to be collector, for the other and last yeare. And the sayd Collectours, which shalbe assigned for the collection of the said relieves, or of any part thereof, and euerye of them be and shalbe acquitted and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes and of euerye other charge in the kinges Exchequier or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment or accomptes, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person receyue and take any fees, rewardes or pleasures of any such accomptant: that then he shal forfeite to the king, for every peny or value of peny so taken. xx. d. and suffer imprisonment at the kinges pleasure.

And after the taxing and assessing of the said yerely relieves (as is before said) had and made, and the said estreats thereof in Parchment, vnto the Collectours (in maner and forme before rehearsed) deliuered, the said commissioners which shal take vpon them the execution of this act, wythin the limittes of theyr commission, by their agrementes shal haue metings together, at which meting euery of the said Commissioners, which then shal haue taken vpon them, the execution of any part of the saide commission, shal by himselfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truly certifie and bring forth vnto thother commissioners, named in the same commission the certificat and presentment made before him and such other Commissioners, as wer limited with him in one limit, so that the same certificates may be accompted and cast with other certificates, of thother limittes within the same commission: and then the said commissioners, and euery number of the, vnto. ii. at the least (as is aforesaid) if they be in lyfe, or theyr executours, or administratours of theyr goodes, if they be then dead, shal ioyntly and seuerally as they were deuided wythin theyr limittes, vnder theyr seales yerely, during the said thre yerres, by their discretion make one or seueral writinges, ended, contayning in it aswel the names of the sayde Collectours, by the commissioners for such collection, and accompt in the exchequier, and payment in the said receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seueral summes, written vnto euery such collector, to receyue the said relieves, and also al fines, amerciamentes & other forfeitures, if any such by reason of thys act, happen to be wythin the precinct and limit of their
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commission, to be certified into the kynges Exchequer, by the said Commissioners yerely, during the said.iii.yeres, befoze the dayes of payment thereof, at the said receipt limited and appointed: In which writing or writings indented so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared and expessed aswell the whole and entier summes and summe of the saide reliefes, severally limited to the collection of the said Collectours, as the names of the said Collectours, severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the sayde Collectours, so certified in the said Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt or to be charged, but onely to, and for the summes limited to his collection, and not to, or for anye summe limited to the collection of his fellowes, but that euerye of them shalbe severally charged for theyr partes limited to theyr collection. And if the sayde Commissioners, ioyned in one commission amongst them selues, in that matter cannot agree, or if anye of theym be not ready, or refuse to make certificat, with other of the same Commissioners: That then the same Commissioners may make severall Indentures, in fourme aforesaide, of theyr severall limittes or separations of Collectours, within the limittes of their commission, vpon, and in the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke divisions, within their said seuerall limittes of their commission, as the places there shall requyre to be seuered and divided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seme to make divisions, of theyr limittes or collections for the seuerall charges of the same collectours, so that alwaye one Collectour shalbe charged and accompte for hys parte, to hym to be limited onely by himselfe, and not for anye summe limited to the parte of anye of hys fellowes. And the charge of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified severally vpon them, and euerye suche Collectour, vpon hys accompt and payment of the summes of money, limited within hys collection, to be severally by himselfe acquitted and dyscharged in the sayde Exchequer, without paying any maner of fees or rewardes, to anye person or persones for the same, vpon the paine and penaltie last abovesaid, and not to be charged for any porcion of anye other Collectours. And if any Commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them that (as is aforesaid) shal befoze any such Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and writings thereof being in his handes, or if any collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of anye payment of any of the said reliefes, or any other person taxed or otherwise by thys act charged, with and for any percell of the saide Reliefes, or wyth anye other some, for fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfaiture, happen to dye befoze such Commissioners, collectour, or other, whatsoeuer persone or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged it, whych to euerye suche person shall appertaine or belong to doo accordyng to thys acte, then the executores and heires of euery such person and all other leazed of any landes or tenementes, that anye suche person beyng

being charged by this act and deceasing before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his use onelye had of estate of inheritance at the tyme that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector, or in any other wise charged with and for any manner of thing to be done, satisfied or payed, by reason of this act, and all those that have in their possessions or handes any goodes or cattalles, that were to any such person at the tyme of his death, landes or tenementes that were the same persons at the tyme that he was (as is aforesaid) charged by this act, shalbe by the same compelled and charged to doo and accomplishe in every case as the same person, so being charged, shoulde have done and myght have bene compelled to doo, if he had bene living, after such rate of the landes and goodes of the sayde Commissioner or Collector, as the partye shall have in his handes. And if the same Commissioners for causes reasonable theym mouynge shall thinke it not convenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is aforesayde: then the sayde person or persones that shall first ioyne together, or he that shall first certify the sayd wrytyng indented, as is aforesaid, shal certifie al the names of the Commissioners of that commission, where upon such wrytynges shall be there then to be certified with divisions of the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, tithynge, or other places to and among such Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, wher such seperations and divisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as well of and for the sayde Relieves taxed or set of or within the sayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes or other places to him or them deuided or assigned that shall so certifie the said first wrytyng, as of fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and other forsaitures, if any happen to be within the same limittes whereof the same wrytinges shalbe certified.

And after such wrytyng indented, whych (as is aforesaid) shalbe certified, and not contayne in it the whole and full summes set and taxed within the limittes of the same commission, the other Commissioners of the same every of the sayd three yeaeres before the daye of payment of the sayde Relieves at the receypt limited and appoynted by this acte, shall certifie into the sayd Exchequer by their wrytyng or wrytynges indented to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall sommes set and taxed wythin the places to them limited for the sayd Relieves and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forsaitures, wyth the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned: or els by their sayd wrytynges indented to certifie at the sayde place before the day of payment thereof at the said receipt, as is aforesaid, reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the sayde Relieves, wyth fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and other forsaitures growyng or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their none certifying, as is abovesayd, or els in default thereof, proces to be made out of the kynges Exchequer against the sayde Commissioners
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and euery of them, not making certificat, as it is aforesaid, by the discre-
tion of the Treasourer and Barons of the said Exchequer.

Provided alwaies, that if anye person or persones chargeable to thys
Reliefe of payment for his goodes, shall happen at anye time durynge the
saide thre yeres to be set or presented in two or mo places then one, and
the same beyng certified into the kinges Courte of Exchequer, that then
the partie or parties so set or presented and certified, takinge a coꝛporall
othe, befoze the Barons of the kinges Exchequer, or befoze any twoo of
them, or befoze any person or persones beyng aucthorised by commission
to be directed from the saide Barons or any of them, which commissio or
commissions the saide Barons or .ii. of them shalbe aucthorised and haue
full power and aucthorite to make by this act, that he or they is or be the
same selfe person or persones so set, and that he or they is or be, set or pre-
sented in two or mo places then one. And that he or they haue then beene
by the space of one yere next befoze the taking of the same othe moze con-
uersaunt and dwellinge in anye one of the same places where he or they
shall so happen to be set or presented then in the other: that then the par-
tie or parties so set or presented in twoo or mo places then one, and so sa-
vinge bys othe without any other plee or wꝛiting, shalbe clerely dischar-
ged against the king, his heires and successors of euery of the said assesse-
mentes and presentmentes, saving onely of the assessment and present-
ment in the place where he or they was or were mozte conuersaunt and
dwelling, as is aforesaid.

And it is also enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, that the Barons of
the kinges Exchequer or two of them for the time being, shall not onely
haue full power and aucthorite to receiue and take the othe of such partie
or parties as shalbe so set or presented in any mo places then one, but shal
also vpon the same othe or othes so taken, discharge the partie and par-
ties of al such sommes of money as he or they should be in any wise char-
ged with, saving onely of suche sommes of money as the same partie or
parties were so sessed at such place and places where he or they wer mozt
conuersaunt and dwelling, as is aforesaid.

And to the intent the kinges Maiesie may be truly and iustly answer-
red of the said Relief of the polle of sheepe befoze by vs graunted to bys
highnes: be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, that yere-
ly during the said .iii. yeres befoze the first day of May, ther shalbe a com-
mission with .x. cedulaes contayning in them the tenor of this act to be an-
nexed to such Commission directed vnder the kinges great seale of Eng-
land into euery Countie, shiere, riding, Citie, Bozough, towne coꝛporate,
and the Isle of Wyght, and into all and euery other place wythin thys
realme and other the kynges dominions that is or shalbe chargeable to
the payment of the saide Relief of the polle of sheepe to suche persones as
the same yere befoze were Commissioners for the assessment and taxation
of the value of euery persones goodes and substaunce, in the same shiere

or other place, or to as many of them as shalbe then lyvinge, and to suche other persones as thesaid Lorde Chauncelour, and other with hym befoze named, shal name and appoint: By the whiche commission, the Commissioners, shal have full power and auctoritie, to enquire, by the othes, of the persone, vicar, or Curate, and foure or as many honest persones of every parish, village, and hamlet, within the limites of their Commission, wherof the Constable, Tithingman, or Bozolder shalbe one, if any Constable; Tithingman, or Bozolder be dwellinge in the same parish, byllage, or Hamlet, & by the othes of as many other honest, and discrete persons as they shal thinke convenient, or otherwise by suche meanes and pollicies as they shal thinke best, wherby the trueth may appeare of the nombze and natures of all and singuler sheepe beyng within the limites of their commission, whose they be, in what towne or parish the owner dwelleth, & of what estate or degree he is, and whether for the most part of the yere they be kepte in severall pastures, or severall Marches, or in commons, or groundes commonly used to be tyllled: the tenour of whiche othe hereafter foloweth.

We shal diligently enquire, and iustly and truly present and certifye bys the kynges Commissioners, what nombze of Cows, Wethers, and other here sheepe be within the limites of your charge, whose they be, in what towne or parish the owner dwelleth, of what condicion and degree he is, and whether for the most part of the yere they bee kepte in severall pastures or severall Marches, or in commons or groundes commonly used to be tyllled, as ye trust to be saved by the merites of Christes passyon.

And it is also ordeyned, and enacted by thauthortie aforesaide, that yerely during thesaid.iii. yeres on the Tuesday after thesaid feast of the Natiuite of S. John Baptist, there shalbe a general suruey made, of all and singuler sheepe, in every parish, village, and other place within this realme, the isle of Wyght, and other the kynges dominions chargeable to the payment of this relief of sheepe, by suche persones as shalbe appointed and sworn to do the same in maner and forme befoze rehearsed.

And that upon suche suruey, every sheepe shalbe taken for a here sheepe, that is at that tyme of suruey, of the age of one yere, or moze, albeit the same sheepe be not at that tyme thorne.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that if any person to thintent to defraud the execution of this statute, shal remoue thesaid day of suruey, his sheepe befoze the suruey taken, from the usual place wher they wer comonly kept for the most part of the yere or els shal cause them, or any part of theym, to be conueied to any other place wherby they shal not be surueied, or wherby the kyng shal lose any part of the relief to him geuen, by this statute, that every person so offending shal forsaite, and lose to the kinges maiesty, treble so muche as he ought to pay by vertue of this statute.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that

if any person summoned to appeare before thesayde Commissioners, do make default haupyng no reasonable excuse: or apperynge, shall refuse to take thesaid othe, or taking thesaid othe shall not diligently attend and endeavour the execution thereof, or shall not appere, and make presentment before thesaid Commissioners, at suche time and place, as he shall be appointed, that every person so offending, for every suche default shall forfeit, and lose to the kynges maiesty. xl. s.

And it is also ordained and enacted, by thaurthozitie aforesayde, that yerely duringe thesaid thre yeres, within one moneth next after the survey of sheepe, and the presentmentes made by the betwys of the sheepe, in maner and fourme as is before declared, the Commissioners in every shyre, or other place shall all, or the most parte assemble themselves together, and confer the presentments made before them of the sheepe, wyth the presentmentes before made of the value of the goodes and substance of all persones within the limites of their Commission. And that upon suche collations, of the presentmentes, if it shall appere unto them that any persone is chargeable by vertue of this acte to paye for the polle of his sheepe which before was not charged for his goodes. Or that yf any person within the limites of their commission, be chargeable to paye more, after the rate of the polle of his sheepe presented before them, then he was before for the value of his substance of his goodes, thesaid Commissioners, or the more parte of them as they shalbe devided, shall within one moneth next after suche assembly by their wytynges indented to be signed and sealed by them, make furth extreates of all, & singuler summes, of money that any persone ought to paye for the rate of the polle of hys sheepe not being before charged wyth hys Gooddes, or for the overplus that any person ought to paye for that the rate of the polle of his sheepe doth surmount the payment before made of the value of his goodes, and thesame wytynges shall not onely deliver unto sufficient and substantial inhabitantes, Constables, Subconstables, and other officers & persons ioyntly of Hundzedes, Tounes, Parishes, and other places wythin the limites where the owners dwell, or have their moost vsuall abidyng to be levied, gathered, and receiued of the owner of suche sheepe, or hys executours, or administratours, but also, shall in like maner deliver the like wytyng to the high Collectour of thesame limit, to charge him with the receipt thereof of the Subcollectours, or Subcollectours, and the payment thereof at the kynges receipt. And that thesayde Subcollectours and Commissioners, shall not onely have for their labours. vi. d. of every pounde commyng, & growyng and to bee paid to the kynges maiesty for the Reliefe of the polle of the sheepe by vertue of this Acte, but also that they and every of them shall have the like power and auctoritie to gather and leuy thesame, and all fynes and forfeitures comminge, and growyng for the execution and gatherynge of this Reliefe of the polle of sheepe by suche lyke waies and meanes as before in this acte be limited and

and appointed for the leuyng and gatherynge of the Relief of goodes. And that thesayd Commissioners, Collectours and al a enery other person and persons shall behaue, order, and vse themselves in all and euery thing concerning the execution of this parte of the statute touchyng the leuyng and gatherynge of the Relief of the polle of sheepe, as befoze in this acte is limited and appointed for to do touchyng the Relief of the goodes vpon lyke paynes, penalties and forfaitures as be befoze declared in this acte.

Provided alwaies and be it ordained and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and synguler summes of money due to the kynges maiesty of this Relief of the polle of sheepe, shalbe gathered by the Sub-collectour or hygh Collectour of the limittes where the owner dwelleth and in none other place.

And it is further ordained and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thesayd Commissioners for the suruay of the nombze and value of the sheepe shal yerely durynge thesayd thze yeres make retorne and certificat vnto the kynges Exchequer befoze the .x. daye of October aswell of the counterpane of al and euery extreates deliuered by them to the high Collectours, as also of all & singuler presentmentes made befoze them, and of all and singuler their procedynges concerning thesaid commission. And that in the ende of all and euery thez certificates they shall make speciall remembraunces and declaracions of all and synguler persones not dwelling within the limittes of their Commission, that haue sheepe within the limittes of thesame commission, where suche persons, dwell, and of what state and degree they be, what nombze, and what kynde of sheepe they be, & in what groundes for the most parte of the yere they be kept. And that vpon suche retorne and certificat of the commission to be made by the Commissioners for the suruay of sheepe beyng conferred with the booke of the taxation and value of the substance of euery person, if it shall appeare that the kynges Maiesty ought to haue moze by any meanes towarde thesayd Relief then befoze was payed or payable, that then vpon an extreate therof to be made out of thesayd counte of the Exchequer to the high collector of the place where the partie that oughte to pay moze dwelleth, thesame Collector shalbe therewith charged, and shall gather and leuie thesame in like maner and forme as he oughte to do the rest of his collections.

And to thintent the kynges Maiesty may be iustly answered for the Relief by vs befoze graunted of the pryce and value of all Clothes: be it ordained and enacted, that the Commissioners to be appointed for the taxation of the Relief of the substance of euery persone, shall haue full power and auctorite by vertue of thys acte, and of their Commission, as they shalbe deuised, to name, constitute, and appoint, in euery Cytie, Borough, Towne, Hundzed and parische, within the limittes of their de-

visions by their discretions, suche and so many honeste, substantiall, and discrete menne, to be praisers of thesayd clothes, chargeable to the payment of this Relief of clothes, as they shall thinke convenient & necessary, and them from tyme to tyme to alter and put newe in their places as they shall haue occasion. And that thesayd praisers befoze they take vpon them the appraysement of suche clothes, shalbe sworne in maner and forme folowynge.

Ye shall faythfully and truly esteeme and set the iuste price and value of all such clothes as shalbe brought vnto you to be viwed and praysed, as ye shall in your consciences thynke thesame worth to be solde when they shalbe wrought, and thesame shall not suffre to be deliuered oute of your custody, tyll ye haue made of the colour, kynd and price thereof an entry bothe in the booke of the Clothier and also of the Aulnageour or his deputie, and set to your handes or markes, declaringe who was the owner of the clothe, and the kynde and price therof, so helpe you God and by this booke.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all kynde of clothes whiche from and after the feast of the Natyuite of sainte John Baptist nexte commynge, duringe the space of thre yeres then folowynge, shalbe made within this realme, or Wales, to be vttered and put to sale, shalbe sealed with the kynges Seale, remainynge in the custody of the Aulnageour, or hys deputie or deputies, and praysed by twoo of thesayde praisers at the leaste, and entred into the bookes hereafter in this acte mencioned, vpon paine of forfaiture of thesame clothe, the one halfe to the kynges Maiesty, the other to the partye that shall seaze thesame.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that there shalbe ii. bookes yerey made, of the appraisinge of all and euery kynd of clothe to be made during thesaid iii. yeres, the one of which bookes to remaine with the Aulnageour or hys deputie, wherein shalbe wyrtten the colour, kynde and price of all and singuler clothes viwed and appraysed that yere accoordinge to the tenor of this statute, vnto which booke the owner of euery clothe or some other person for him, and the praisers shall set to their handes or markes when the clothe is sealed: And the other booke shall remaine with the owner of thesaid clothe wher vnto thesaid Aulnageour and praysours shal set their handes and markes. And that the owner of all and euery clothe chargeable to the payment of the Relief of clothes graunted by this acte, yerey within xx. dayes after the yere expired, shall deliuer his sayd booke so subscribed or marked with the handes of the Aulnageour or hys deputie and praysours to the Commissioners for the taxation & assessment of thesayde Relief within the limite where suche Clothier dwelleth, or to one of them, vpon paine of forfaiture by thesame Clothier of treble so muche as he oughte to paye to the kinge

kyng by reason of the aforesayd Relief of his clothes so sealed.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery Aulnageour shal verely from & after thesaid feast of the Natiuitie of saynt John Baptist next commynge, kepe a parsite booke of the colour, kynd, and price of all and synguler clothes by him sealed, and the names of the owners thereof in maner and fourme as is befoze declared and thesame booke verely shall make and deliuer to the Commissioners, for the taxation of goodes within the limittes wher such Clothe maker dwelleth, or to one of theym, within .xx. daies next after the yere expyred.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any Aulnageour or his deputie do not make and deliuer thesayde booke in maner and fourme befoze reherced, or doe wilfully conceale any clothe by him sealed, & do not enter it into thesayde booke, that for suche offence thesayde Aulnageour shall not onely forsaite his office, but also shall make fine at the kinges wyl.

And it is also ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thesayd Commissioners of that limitte hauing receyued thesayd bookes of the Aulnageour or his deputie or deputies, and the owner of the clothes, shal conferre the rates of the Relief of the clothes comprehended in thesaid booke, with the taxation and payment of the owner of thesame clothes for his goodes. So that if it shall appeare thereby to theim that the owner of any clothe is chargeable to pay for his clothes, whiche befoze was not chargeable for his goodes, for that suche owner oughte to paye moze after the rate of the Relief of his clothes containinge in the bookes deliuered to them, then he was befoze charged for the value of his substance of his goodes, thesayde Commissioners as they be deuised shall within one moneth next after thesaid bookes receiued, by their wytyng indented to be signed & sealed by theym, make furth extreates of al and singuler summes of money that any person ought to pay for his clothes, not beyng befoze charged with his goodes, & for the ouerplus that any suche person ought to pay for that the rate of his clothes doeth surmount the payment of the value of his goodes befoze made: and the same wytyng shall deliuer to the high Collectour of thesame limitte, to charge him with the receipt thereof, of the maker of thesayd clothes: and the payment thereof at the kinges receipte. And that thesayd high Collectour shall haue the lyke power and auctoritie to gather and leuy the same, by suche like wayes and meanes as befoze in this acte be limited and appointed to the Subcollectour for the leuyng and gatheringe of the Relief of goodes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thesayde Commissioners shall verely duringe thesayde thre yeres make returne and certificat in the kinges Exchequer befoze the tenth daye of October, not onely of the counterpane of all and euery extreate deliuered

delivered by him to the hyghe Collectour, but also of the booke receyved of the Mulnageour as is aforesayd, and the payours names, and of all and synghuler their procedynges concernynge thesaid payment of the relief of Clothes.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that every of thesaid high Collectours which shall accompt for any parte of thesayde relief of clothes in the Kynges Exchequer, upon theyr severall sayed accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely during thesayde thre yeres, for every pound lymitted to his colleccyon, wherof any suche Collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompt. vi. pence as parcell of theyr sayd charge, that is to say. ii. d. of every pound therof for suche persones as be lymitted to be payours, for their paynes and labours: and other ii. d. of every pound thereof every of thesayd chiefe Collectours there accomptant to receiue to their owne vse for their labours & charge in and about the premises: and. ii. pence of every pound residue to be delivered, allowed and payed by thesayd Collectours, so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners as shall take upon them the busynes and labour for & about the premises, that is to saye, every Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners whiche had the orderyng and wytynges of and for thesaid relief of clothes wher thesaid Collectour or Collectours had theyr colleccion, for expences of thesayde Commissioners so takynge upon them thesaid busynes and laboꝝ of their clarkes wytyng thesaid preceptes and estretes for thesayd collections: thesame last. ii. d. of every ponde to bee denyded among thesaid Commissioners having regarde to the labour and busynes taken by them and their sayde clarkes in and about the premises. For whiche part so to thesaid commissioners attayning, thesayd Commissioners. vi. b. lxxiii. or as manye of them as shalbe thereto appointed by the kynges commission and eue-rye of them ioyntly and severally for his or their sayd part may haue hye remedy agaynst thesaid Collectour or Collectours whiche therof been and might haue bene allowed by accyon of debt, in whiche the Defendant shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, Inuencion or other escoyne shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes, that this graunt of Relief nor any other thyng therein contayned, do in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers within Ireland, Bulleyn and the countie of thesame, Calles, Hammes, Gypsies and the Marches of thesame, Iernesey and Garnesey or any of them, of for or concernynge any goodes which thesaid inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Irelande, Bulleyn, the countie of thesame, Calles, Hammes, Gypsies, or other marches of thesame, Iernesey, Garnesey, or in any of them.

Provided also, that thesayde graunte of relief do not in any manner of wise extend or be prejudicial or hurtful to thynhabitauntes or resiauntes at

at this present tyme within the five Portes corporate, or to any of their members incorporate or united to the same five Portes, or to any of the same five portes, of, or for any part, or parcel of the said summes granted in this present Parliament of the said inhabitantes now resiantes, or any of them to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or paid, but that the said inhabitantes and now resiantes in the said Portes, & their members, & euery of them be and shalbe of, and from the said graunt, and paymente of the said reliefe of their goodes and cattalles, duringe their resiaunce there and no longer acquitted and discharged, any matter or whatsoever thynge in this present act had, or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present act of relief, ne any other thynge therein contained, extende to any of the Englysh inhabitantes or resiantes in any of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumbreland, Westmerland, the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the bishopricke of Durham, nor to any of them, or for or concerning any goodes clothes, or shepe, which the same inhabitantes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmerland, or the toun of Barwike, the toun of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, but that they and euery of them, shalbe of and from the said relief, of and for their goodes, lyeng and beyng in the same Counties, townes, & Bishopricke, or any of them, vtterly acquitted, and discharged, any thinge in this present act before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, ne any thynge therein contained shall extend to the goodes of any College, Hall, or Oyle within the Uniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge or any of them, or to the goodes of the College of Wynton, founded by Bishop Wykeham, or to the goodes of the College of Eton next Wyndesore, or to the goodes of any reader, or scholar within the said Uniuersities, and Colleges or any of them there remaininge for study without fraude, or couin, any thinge in this act contained to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that no spirituall persone shalbe charged by this act for any of his goodes or cattals, other then of sheepe, nor shalbe charged by this act for any such his sheepe whiche he hath, or at any time within thre yeres nexte followinge shall haue, or kepe for the onely purpose to bee spent, or eaten, in hye house so as the nombze of the same sheepe so purposed to be spent, and eaten yerely in his sayde house, do not excede the nombze of .iiii. c. sheepe for one yere, nor for any such his sheepe, as do go and fede, or shall go, or fede for the most parte of euery yere of thre yeres next commynge vppon hye landes, tenementes, or commons, wherof such spirituall persones, is, or shalbe seized in the right of his churche, or promotion spirituall, whiche landes, tenementes, or commons be chargeable to the payment of the first scutes and tenthes.

And

And forasmuche as diuers and sundry the kynges maiesties tenantes, and other thynhabitantes and dwellers within the counties of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgā, Brecknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon and of the county Valentine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged, & chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers great summes of money (by the name of a Wyfe) due to his Maiesty, accordyng to the seueral customes of thesaid counties, for the payment wherof diuers and sundrye the gentlemen, and other thynhabitantes of thesayde counties be, and stande bounde to his highnes: the kyng our souereigne Lorde is therfore pleased and contented, that it be prouided, ordeined, and enacted by thauthORITY aforesaid, that this acte, or any thing therein conteined, shal not extend to charge any of the kynges maiesties tenantes, & other thynhabitantes and dwellers within any of thesaid counties of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgā, Brecknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flynt, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon and the countye Valentine of Chester beinge charged, or chargeable with thesaid mise, for or wyth any of the paymentes of thesaid relief graunted to the kynges Maiesty, by this acte, vntill the seuerall dayes and tymes appointed, and agreed for the paymentes of thesaid Wyfes shalbe expired. And that the firste payment of thesaid Relief of goodes shalbe made at the receipt of the kynges Exchequer before the first day of May then next folowing after the daye appoynted for the latter payment to be made of thesaid Wyfe, and so yerely before the first day of May at the receipt of thesaid Exchequer vntill the thre seueral paymentes of thesaid Relief be fully made in suche and lyke maner forme, and ordre, as is ordeined and appoynted by this acte for the kynges subiectes, concernyng thesaid relief of goodes to be made at the receipt of thesaid Exchequer, accordyng to the tenor of this present acte. And also that the first payment of the Relief for Clothes, & sheepe in euery of thesaid seuerall counties, shalbe made in thesayde Exchequer after thesaid Wyfes, due to be payde at suche and lyke dayes, and tymes yerely as is afoze limited by this acte, this acte or any thinge therein conteined to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauthortye aforesaid, that the tenants, and dwellers of euery of thesaid Counties, in this prouiso remembered, shal seuerally before the feast of S. Martyns the Bishoppe next ensuyng, certifie in the kynges said Court of Exchequer vnder the seale of twoo Justices of Peace, of euery of thesaid Counties, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, when and at what day the last payment of thesayd seuerall Wyfes, in euery of thesaid Countyes, shall ende and expire.

The. xxxvii. Chapter.

An acte against the carieng of Bell metall
out of the Realme.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxiii. yere of oure late soueraygne Lorde of famous memozye king Henry theight, it was enacted that no person, or persons, should cary, or conuey by water, or otherwise, any brasse, copper, latton, bell metall, panne metall, or gunne metall, or chrosse metall, whether it be cleane, or myxed (tynne and leade onely excepted) into any parte beyond the sea, or into any outwarde realme, or dominion, whatsoeuer it be, vpon paine of forfeiture of double the value therof. And where also by thesaid estatute, it was likewise enacted, that no persone or persons, shoulde at any tyme shipp, or cary any of thesayde metals, to cary, or discharge thesame in anye parte of this realme, onles suche person, or persones, befoze the shippynge thereof didde declare and manifest vnto the customers of suche a port, or creke, where thesame Metall shoulde be shipped, the true weighte of all suche metall as shoulde be shipped, and shoulde also make a sufficient obligation in the Lawe, in the whiche he shoulde be bounden to thesaid Customer, to the kynges vse, in suche somme as shoulde amounte to the double value of thesaid Metall so declared, and manifested, wyth condition that thesame shoulde be discharged, at some porte, or Creke within this Realme, and in no other place, vpon paine to forfeite thesame in maner and forme aboue rehearsed, as by thesaid acte, amongeste other thinges moze plainly appereth.

Forasmuche as the paynes and forsaytures in thesaid Estatute, are not greate enough, and forasmuche also, as diuers couetous, and greedy persons, hauing no respect or obedience to the lawes, haue craftely and by all sinister meanes practized to defraud thesaid estatute, some by bringe and rewardynge the serchers, maysters, purssers, or other officers of shippes, some by secret conueieng therof in small crekes, sugre chestes hogsheddes, or otherwise: Be it therfoze ordeined, and enacted, that from & after the feastes of Ester next comming, no persone, or persons shall cary or conuey, or ship, to thintent to carie, or conuey, any Brasse, Copper, latton, bell metall, pan metall, gunne metall, or chrosse metall, whether it be cleare, or myxed (Tynne and leade onely excepted) into any part beyond the sea, or into any outwarde realme, or dominion whatsoeuer it be, vpon paine to forfeit the double value therof, and. x. li. for euery thousand weight of thesame metall so caried, & conueied, or shipped to thentente to be caried, or conueied, the triall wherof, shalbe in lyke maner and forme, as in thesaid former act is expressed.

And be it further enacted, that no persone, or persones, after thesaid

feast, shall shyppe, or carye any of thesaide Mettalles prohibited by thys statute, to carye, or discharge thesame in any part of this Realme, onles suche persone, or persones befoze the shipping therof, do declare and manifest to the customer of suche port, or creke, where thesame Mettall shall be shipped, the true weighte of all suche Mettall as shalbe shypped, and shal also befoze the shipping thereof, make a sufficient Obligation in the lawe, in which he shalbe bounden to thesaide customer to the kynges vse in such some, as shall amount to the double value, and, x. li. for every. M. weighte so declared and manifested, with condicion, as in thesaide statute is appointed, and enacted, and shall make certifficat of the discharge thereof, in like maner as in thesaide statute, is further ordeyned, and enacted.

And be it further enacted, that if any customer, comptroller, or his or their deputy, or deputies, by coun, or by any other vndue meane, will suffer any person, after that the metall is shipped, or caried, contrarie to the meanyng of this act to make obligation, or obligations wythout dates for the discharge and certifficat of their metall, as is aforesaid, that then suche customer, so suffrynge, or receyvinge suche obligation, or Obligations, shall lose his offyce and the value of the Metalle so shypped, or caried.

And be it further enacted, that if any Mayster, owner, purser, or botelwaine of any shippe, do willyngly permytte or suffer any of the Mettalles abovesaid to be shipped, contrarie to the tencoure of thys acte, or els perceyvinge any suche metall to be shipped doe not dysclose thesame within thre dayes after knowlege had, to the customer, or controller, of thesame porte, or his, or theyr Deputie, or Deputies, where thesame is shipped, that then every suche owner, mayster, purser, or botelwayne, so willyngly puttyng thesame metall to be shipped, or concealyng thesame when hee perceaueth it to be shipped, shall forfeite the double value of thesame metall so shipped or caried. And yf any customer, or searcher do willyngly suffer any of the mettals aforesaid to be shipped contrarie to the meanyng of thys acte, or els hauyng knowledge, that it is secretlye shipped, or caried, do not seaze thesame to the kynges vse, then euery customer, or searcher so offending, shall lose his office, and the value of the metall so shipped or caried.

And be it further enacted, that no person, nor persons, shal after thesaide feast, lade, ship, or cary, into any parte beyonde the sea, any of the mettals aforesaid, but onely out of suche port, or creke wher the customer, or hys Deputy, is resident, and dwellyng, upon payne of forfeiture of thesayde metall x. li. for every thousand weight, so shipped, or caried, the moitye of all whiche forfeitures, shalbe to our soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and the other moitie to him, or them that wyl sue for thesame by byll, playnt, information, action of debt, or otherwyle in any of the kynges Courttes, in whiche no Essoyne, or protection, or wager of Lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

And

And be it further enacted that the sayde statute made in the sayde
 parliament of the reigne of the late King Henry the eighth, and every
 article and provision, beynge not altered by any Acte, Statute, Ordinance,
 and in final.

Chapter.

**Concerning the paupers
 of Calice.**



Whereas the streets, lanes, and wayes within
 the sayde towne of Calice, be very foule,
 rynnous, noysome, and full of pyttes, and flowes
 very daungerous, and peyllous, as well for the kyn-
 ges subiectes thorough and by them passinge and re-
 pairinge, as well on horsebacke, as on foote, as also
 with carlage, for lacke of good pauinge: for the good
 amendement & reformation wherof, it maye therfore
 please the kynges highnes with the assent of hys Lordes spiritual and
 temporall, and of hys commons in thys his hyghe court of Parliament
 assembled, and by the auctorite of thesame, that it maye be ordeined
 established, and enacted, that all and euery persone, bodies politique,
 and corporate whiche now haue or at any tyme hereafter shall haue, any
 landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee tayle for
 terme of lyfe or for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardeship of anye
 heire duringe the nonage of thesame heire or otherwise lyeng or beynge
 within the sayde towne of Calice, shall on the daye the feast of saint Mi-
 chael the Archangell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God a. M.
 fyue hundredth fyfthe and one, well & sufficiently paue or cause to bee pa-
 ued with paupinge stone all the stretes, lanes, and wayes, & causeys wyth
 in the sayde towne of Calice with the channell runninge in the myddell:
 Every man suche part and quantite of thesame stretes, lanes, & wayes
 and causeys vnto the myddell of thesame stretes, lanes, wayes, and cause-
 ys, and euery of them in length, as his or their landes, or tenementes,
 do lye or extende: Except the foure hyghe stretes within the sayde towne
 of Calice whiche the Mayor, and the Aldermen of the sayde towne haue
 bled to paue and of right ought so to doe. And also be it enacted, by the
 auctorite aforesayde that all and euery suche persones, haupnge or
 which hereafter shall haue landes, or tenementes, in fee simple, fee tayle,
 for terme of lyfe, or otherwise as is aforesayde, lyng, being, or adioyning
 to and next ether syde of thesame stretes, lanes, wayes or causeys, or any
 of theym, their heires, assignes, or successours, after & frome the feast of
 saint Michell the Archangell, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde
 God a thousande fyue hundredth fyfthe and one, shall yerelye maynteyne
 and repaire thesame pauementes, and euery of theym ouer agaynst hys
 or theys sayde landes and tenementes, well and sufficiently from tyme,

to tyme, when and as often as neede shall require, at all times hereafter with pavinge stone, upon paine to forfait, for every yerde square not sufficiently paved, by pence to the Kinges Majesties use, as often as any such defaulte of any persone, shall be presented by the herodes of the men, or by three sufficient witnesses, before the Mayor and Aldermen, of the sayde towne of Calice, for the tyme beinge. And that the sayde Mayor and Aldermen, of the same towne of Calice shall have full power and auctoritie to leue the same to the Kinges use, by distress or plaint, in such manour and forme, as they have heretofore used, and accustomed to leue fines, or amerciamentes, within the sayde towne of Calice, and the same to be payed in the Kinges Exchequer there. And yf the sayde Mayor and Aldermen, for the tyme beinge, be at any time or times negligent or remisse, in executing of the premises unto them appointed by this acte, and namely after two or three monitions, to them given by the Lord Deputy, Treasurer, and Comptroller, of the same towne for the tyme beinge, or two of them, that then the said Lord Deputy, Treasurer and comptroller, or two of them shall from time to time, by vertue of this acte, have full power and auctoritie, to correct, and reforme the said Mayors, and Aldermen, so found in default, by reasonable fyne, or amerciamment, to be leuied upon them, by waie of distress or other waie by the foresaid Treasurer, and Comptroller to the Kinges use and behoofe, for every such default, the same fine, or amerciamment, to be answered within the Kinges Exchequer there.

It is provided alwaies and be it enacted, that if the Lessees or occupiers of the same Landes or Tenementes, so to be paved within the said Towne, doe sufficiently pave, or repaire the same before they mansions, or dwellinge places, the foresaid stretes, lanes, waies, or causeys, that they and every of they in shall defaulte, abate and reterne in bys or theyr owne handes, as muche of the Rentes due to the Lessors, as they can duelye, prove to have expended on the same Pavinge. And the Lessors, for as muche as that somme dothe amounte unto, to have no Accion nor reentre for the none payment of the same, excepte it be otherwise agreed betwene them. And where also within the said towne of Calice, there are diuerse houses and Tenementes couered and thacked with Redde, and strawe, to the greate peryll, and daunger of fire, within the same Towne (whiche God defende) for the speedy remedye and good reformation wherof: be it also enacted by the auctorite of this presente Parlyament assembled that from henceforth no persone nor persones whatsoever they bee, shall couer, or thacke anye maner houses, or buyldinges within the sayde towne with Redde or strawe, but onelye with tyle or slate. And that all houses and buildinges which are alreadye couered with redde or strawe within the said towne shall be on thisside the feast of saint Michaell the Archangell which shall be in the yere of our Lord God a thousande five hundredeth fiftie and two, wholly and fullye couered with

with tyle or slate, at and by the proper costes and charges of the takers of the profits of the same houses and buildings for the time being. And whatsoever owner or owners of the said houses or tenementes, within the same towne on thisside the saide feast of saint Michael the Archangel, which shalbe in the said yere of our Lord God. M. D. lxi. do not take and plucke downe the same straw and rede from the said buildings and houses, and couer them againe newly with tyle or slate, within the same time: that then euerye suche owner or owners, for not doing thereof in forme abovesaid, shall forfeit to the king our soueraigne Lord for euery mansion house not so done. xl. pound, the same forfeiture to be leuied by the same Treasorer or Controller (for the time being) to the kinges vse, and to be payde into the kinges exchequer there.

The xxxix. Chapter.

The kinges Maiesties free and most generall Pardon.



HENRYES moste royall Maiestye, ryght wel perceyving hys louing Subiectes by many and sundry wayes and meanes, to haue bozne and susteyned the great adventures, charges, and busines of warrs, and defences of this hys Realme, as well in the time of hys most deare father king Henry the eight, as in hys tyme and reigne, extending of hys clemencie and pitie to gratifie his said Subiectes with his graces free and liberall Pardon, accordyng to hys Kingly power, trusting assuredlye that his sayde Subiectes wil continue hys louyng and assured obedient Subiectes, and hereafter in suche sort obey hys highnes, lawes, and statutes, as to them and euerye of the of righte apperteyneth, is fullye and resolutelye contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of thys present Parliament in maner and fourme folowing: That is to saye, that all and euerye of hys sayde Subiectes, as well Spirituall as Temporal of thys hys Realme of Englande, Wales, the Isles of Jernesey and Bernesey, Barwoke, Calais, Guyynes, Hammes, Bulloigne, and Bullonys: and the Marches of the same, the heyres, successors, executors and administrators of them and euerye of them, and all and singuler bodyes, in anye maner of wyse corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tithinges, and euerye of them, and the successor and successors of them, shalbe by thauctoritie of this present Parliament acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged against the kinges highnes, his heires, successors, and executors, and euery of them of all maners of treasons, heresies, felonies, robberies, offences, contempes, trespasses, wronges, deceits, misdemeanors, forfeitures, penalties

penalties and profits, sommes of money, paines of death, paynes cor-
porall, and pecuniarye, and all other thinges, causes, querelles, suites,
iudgements and executions, whych may be, or can be by hys hyghnesse
in any wyse or by anye meanes pardoned befoze, and vnto the .xiii. daye
of Marche, the yere of our Lorde God. M. cccc. xliiii. other then suche
as hereafter in thys acte be excepted or forpysed, in suche maner and
fourme, and vnto suche tymes as they be excepted or forpysed in thys
acte, and other then suche as the clauses of pꝛouiso hereafter mencioned
doth extende vnto.

And also the kynges hyghnes is further contented and pleased that it
be enacted by the auctoritie of thys present Parliament, that thys hys
said generall and free pardon, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe,
to euery of his said subiects, bodies corporate, and other befoze reherfed,
and to euery of them, by the said generall wordes befoze reherfed in all
thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted or forpysed,
as the same pardon shoulde haue bene, if al offences, contemptes, forsay-
tures, causes, matters, suites, querelles, iudgements, executions, pe-
nalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor contayned in
any clause of pꝛouiso hereafter mencioned, had bene perticulerlye, singu-
lerly, specially, & plainly, named, reherfed & specified and also pardoned
by propre & expresse wordes & names in theyr kindes, natures and qua-
lities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite to haue be put in and
expresse in this act of free Pardon.

And that his sayd subiectes, nor any of them nor their executors nor
administratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate, nor
any other person, bodies politique or corporate, befoze named or anye of
the be, nor shalbe sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes
or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanor, for-
faiture, trespassse, offence, or any other thing suffred, done or committed
against his hyghnes, crowne, dignitie, pꝛorogatiue, law, or statutes, but
only for such matters, causes and offences as be reherfed in the excepti-
ons and clauses of pꝛouiso, in thys present Acte hereafter mencioned in
such maner and fourme, as in the same exceptions and clauses of pꝛouiso
so be mencioned and for none other, any statute or statutes, lawes, custo-
mes, vses, or pꝛesidentes heretofore had, made, or bled to the contrary in
any wyse not withstanding.

And also the kynges hyghnes of his bounteous liberalitie by the
auctoritie of this present Parliament graunteth & frely geueth to eue-
ry of hys said Subiectes and euery of the sayde bodies corporate, and
other befoze reherfed, and to euery of them, al such landes, tenementes
and hereditamētes, goodes, cattals, debtes, fines, issues, profits, amer-
ciamentes, forfaitures, and summes of money by any of them forfayted,
whiche to his hyghnes dothe or shoulde belonge or appertaine, by reason
of any offence, contempt, trespassse, misdemeanour, matter, cause, querell
suffred

suffred, done, or committed by them or any of them, whiche be not heretofore forgiuen or excepted in this present act.

And that all and euery the kynges saide subiectes, and all and singular bodie corporate, and other before rehearsed, maye by him or themselves, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by his or their attorney or attornais, according to the lawes of this realme plead, and minister this present act of fre pardon for his or their discharge, of and for euery thing that is by vertue of this present act pardoned, discharged, geue, or graunted without any fee or other thing in any wise paying to any persone or persons for writing or entry of the iudgement, or other cause concerning such plee, writing, or entrie, but onely xii d. to be payde to the officer or clerke that shal enter the plea, matter, or iudgement, for the discharge of any of the parties so pleading the same, any statute or vble to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore the kynges highnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this present Parliament, that his said free pardon by the generall wordes before rehearsed shalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of Courtes and els where, aswel in the wordes and clauses of exceptions and forgiuings specified in this present act, as in al and singular other clauses, wordes, and sentences mencionned and rehearsed in this his said free pardon most beneficially and auaylably to all and singular his saide subiectes, bodie corporate and other before rehearsed, and to euery of them in al thinges ambiguous or doubtfull, and mooste strongly in Barre and discharge againste his highnes, his heires, successours, and executors, in euery thing wythout anye obstacle, chalenge or other delaye, whatsoeuer it shalbe to be made, pleaded, objected or alledged by the king our soueraigne lord his heires, successours or executors, or by his or anye of their generall attorney or attornais or by any person or persones for his highnes or any of his heires, successours or executors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde, by auctorite of thys present Parliament, that if anye officer or clerke of any his highnes courtes commonly called the kynges Bench, Chauncery, and Common place, or his Exchequer or of anye other officer or Clerke of any other court within thys Realme or in Wales, or other his highnes dominions aboue mencionned, at anye tyme after the tenth daye of May next comynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde GOD 1554. make oute or write oute anye maner wyrtes or other process, or any extractes, sommons, or other preceptes whereby anye of the said subiectes or any of the sayde bodie corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in anye wyse arrested, attached, distrayned, sommoned, or otherwyse vexed, inquieted, or greued in his or their bodie, landes, tenementes, goodes or cattails, or in anye of them, for or because of anye maner of thyng pardoned or discharged by vertue of thys acte

acte of free pardon, he so offendinge and thereof lawfullye condemned, shall yelde and paye for the recompence thereof to the partie so greued or offended, treble Damimages, to be accompted as percel of the Damimages and costes of the suite. And neuertheles, all and singuler suche wyrttes, processe, extractes and preceptes, so to be made for or vpon anye maner thing pardoned or discharged by thys act of free Pardon, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effect.

Except alwaies and forpysed out of thys generall and free Pardon, all and all maner pzepped and voluntarie murders, and poysoninges. And except all felonious takyng or stealyng of anye goodes or cattalles out of any Church, Chappel, or dwelling house, and al and singuler robberies and robbery of any person or persones in or nere anye highe waye committed, perpetrated or done.

And also except and forpysed out of this free Pardon, al and al maner of Piracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed or perpetrated, sithen the first day of Januarie, in the firste yere of the reigne of our soueraigne Lord the King. And also all and all maner of punishmentes, impetitions, forsaitures, paines of death, iudgementes and executions, for the premisses befoze excepted, and for euery of them.

And excepte and forpysed out of thys free Pardon, all and all maner of deceates and concelementes of all and singuler Honyers, and other officers, ministers, and woorkemen of or in any of the myntes wythin any of the Kinges Realmes or Dominions perpetrated, done or committed, in or about the makyng, coynyng, or alteryng of any money currant wythin thys Realme, or in any wyse touchyng or concernyng anye accomptes, or bookes of any of the sayde officers or ministers, or anye of them, and all maner of impetitions, punishmentes, forsaitures and paines for the same.

And excepte and forpysed out of this free Pardone, all and singuler sommes and somme of money graunted to the late King Henry the eight, by way or meane of subsidie, siltene, beneuolence, loane, and contribution, or by anye of the same wayes or meanes. And all deteyners, withholdynges and none paymentes touching or concerning the same, and also all and all maner of accomptes, and all actions, suites, and demaundes touching or concerning any accomptes, and al arerages of accomptes, and al debts, impetitions, suites, demaundes and executions by occasion or meanes of any accompt, or for any accompt.

And also except al titles of Accions of Quare impedit, al rauishmentes and withholdynges of the Kinges Wardes, and the withholdynges of any Wardes, landes, or tenementes, and the profite of the same landes and tenementes, and all and euery fyne or fynes for the synge value or double value of the maryage or maryages of any the Kinges Wardes, at any tyme, growen to the King our soueraigne Lord, or to anye of hys noble progenitours.

And

And also except all Homages and relieves, and all rentes, services,
rentes charges, relieves, fees, and tenthes and tharrerages of curreys of
them: And also excepte and forgyved out of this free pardone all and syn-
guler forfaitures, and all maner of penalties, fines of money and pro-
fites whatsoever, growen or dew to by reason of any offence of any acte
committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the
common lawe extendyng above the somme of ten poundes in money or
valye, wherof any sealute was made, or any information given in the
Kynge's Exchequer or any late there commenced and now dependinge
before the xiiij daye of February in the yere of our Lorde God. M. cccc.
xlviij. and not yet determined, or wherof the Kinges highnes or Kynge
Henry the eight, by Wyll sealed wth any of their Seales, before the
fourtene daye of Marche in the yere of our Lorde God. M. cccc. xlvij.
have made any gyfte or assignement, to anye of the seruantes of our
soueraigne Lorde the Kynge, or Kynge Henry the eight, or to any other
persone or persones.

And excepte and forgyved quite of this free pardone, all and singuler
forfaitures and sommes of money beyng dew to our soueraigne Lorde
the Kynge, or to Kynge Henry the eight, by any penall statute or statutes
whiche be converted into the nature of debtes by iudgement or by agree-
ment of the offendour.

And excepte and forgyved out of this free pardone, all and all maner
of debtes, dew and to be dew to our Soueraigne Lorde the King, or unto
the late noble Kynge of famous memory Kynge Henry the eight, and
Kynge Henry the seventh, or to any of them other then suche as are due
to our soueraigne Lorde the King upon any obligation or recognisance
forfetted for none apperaunce, or for not keepyng of the peace, or not be-
yng of good behauiour.

And also except all pssues, fines, and amerciamentes assayed, taxed,
set, extracted, or entred severally, or particularly, touchyng and concer-
nyng any one persone, or mo persons ioyntly, extending to the somme of
twenty poundes or above. And that all and synghuler other fines, as well
fines Pro licencia concordandi as other fines for contemptes or offences,
set or taxed, and also all pssues, and amerciamentes as well reall as other
whiche severally or particularly extend not upon or concernyng any one
person or mo persons ioyntly, to the somme of twenty poundes, whether
they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of any shrieve or shrieves,
or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether
they be turned into debt, or not turned into debt, and not beyng leuped
nor receyued by any shrieve or shrieves, bailif, ministers or other offycers,
shall be fully, clerely, and plainly pardoned, and discharged against the
king our soueraigne Lorde his heyres and successors for ever by this pre-
sent acte of free pardon.

And

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that in case
 it shalbe objected to or against any **Schire** or **Schires**, or other accom-
 ptaunte or accomptauntes in the **Kynges** court of **Exchequer** or in any
 other **hys** court, that any **Schire**, or **Schires**, or other officers accom-
 ptaunte have receyved or taken any such **spes**, **pnues** or **amerciametes**,
 by this present act pardoned & acquitted, that then every such **Schire** or
Schires, or other accomptauntes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned & ac-
 quitted thereof by his or their othe without any further trial in that behalf
 provided alwayes that this present acte of free pardon, nor any
 thinge therein contained in any wise extend to discharge, pardon, remite
 or acquite any persone or persones, for any maner of **pnues**, **spes**, or **amerciametes** of twenty pound or under, wherof any **Schires** hath
 heretofore accompted before the barons of the **Kynges** **Exchequer**, or els
 where, and paid the same **pnues**, **spes**, or **amerciametes**, upon **hys** or
 their said accompt, determined to the **Kynges** **ble**, and have his or their
 quene's **est** the same.

And be it also and be it enacted by auctorite of this present **Par-**
liament, that all and every persone and persones whiche have tenced to
 sewe livery out of the **Kynges** handes, or that ought to sewe any livery
 out of the **Kynges** handes, or that ought to sewe any **Osterlemain**, of any
Honours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes whatsoever they be,
 shall sue and be bounden to sue **hys** and theyr livery, or liverses, and
Osterlemain, of his and their manors, landes, tenementes, and heredi-
 tamentes, as they ought or shoulde have done, if this free **Pardon** had
 never bene granted, any article, clause, matter or sentence, acte or ac-
 tes, thinge or thinges in this present act of free pardon, comprised or spe-
 cified to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

And excepte and forprised out of this free pardon, all and singuler
 persone and persones beyng the sayde. **xiii. daye** of **Marche** in the yere
 of oure **Lorde** **God** **a. m. d. xliii.** prisoner or prisoners in the **Towre**
 of **London**, or in the **Flete**, or whiche were in the said prisoners, or anye
 of them, at any tyme syng the **firste daye** of **February** in the yere of oure
Lorde **God** **a. m. d. xliii.** and are not discharged out of prison the
 sayd. **xiii. daye** of **Marche**: and also all and singuler persone and perso-
 nes at any tyme before the **eight daye** of **Marche** in the sayde yere of oure
Lorde **God** **a. m. d. xliii.** put to death or in execution by vertue of any man-
 ner of iudgement against him or them given.

And excepte and forprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner
 of **Treasons** done, committed or perpetrated by any persone or persons
 in anye of the parties of beyond the **Sea**, or in **Scotlande**, by any per-
 son or persons now beyng beyond the **sea**, or in **Scotlande** (other then
 such treasons or petit treasons as have been committed, perpetrated or
 done by any persone beyng beyonde the **sea**, or in **Scotlande**, that before
 the feast of the **Natiuite** of our **lozde** **God** that shalbe in the yere of our

lord god. m. cccc. xlix. shall come and make their returne and repaire into this realme of Englande) and excepte all impetitions, punishmentes for feitures, peines of death executions & iudgementes, for thesaid treasons.

And furthermoze, the kynges Maiesty of his especiall grace, and clemencie, is pleased and contented, that it bee enacted and establiſhed by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler person and persones beyng bozne within this Realme of Englande, or in any of the kynges Dominions, & now beyng beyond the sea, or in Scotlande, whiche before the firste day of Marche, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xlviii. dyde flye out of this Realme of Englande, or any of the kynges Dominions, for any high treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, or for any felonie, murder, or other crime, or offence by him, or theym in any wyse committed, done, or perpetrated, shall by vertue of thys fre pardon, be clerely discharged, acquitted, and pardoned of all and all maner of Treasones petit treasons, misprision of treason, and other offences, & crimes whatsoeuer, done, committed, or perpetrated before thesaid first day of Marche, in thesaid yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xlviii. And of all maner of impetitions, suites, Penalties, forfeitures, and executions for thesame: So that he, or they doo come, and make their retourne and repayze into thys Realme of Englande, on thissyde thesayde feast of the Nativite of our Lorde God. M. D. xlix.

And also our sayde souereygne Lord the kyng by vertue of thys acte and by thaucthoritie abovesaid, doth geue auctozity and licence to al and euery of thesaid person, and persons, beyng beyond the sea, or in Scotland, to returne, and repaire into this realme of England & other hys dominions before thesame feast of the Nativite of our lord God. m. d. xlix.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all & euery clerke & other of any office of the kynges courtes, without any forfeiture, losse, or punishmente for thesame, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vilegarum, at the suite of the partye plaintife, against any person, or persons, being outlawed, in any action to thentent to compell the person, or persons so outlawed, to make answer to the plaintiffe or plaintiffes, at whose suite hee, or they were, or was outlawed and also that euery person and persons, now being outlawed, shalbee bounden to sue a writte of Scire facias, against the partye or partyes, at whose sute hee or they were, or was outlawed, before such tyme as the person, or persones so outlawed, shal take any aduantage of this free pardon concerning his, or their outlawry.

And the kyng our souereigne Lorde is contented and pleased to graunt by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to all and singuler Archebishops & bishops of this his realme of Englande and Wales to deliuer out of prison and set at libertie all and synguler those persons beyng in prison, in their custody, or in the custody of any of theym as clerke, or clerkes, conuict, or attainted, which be pardoned by this act of
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free Pardon, without any further act or sute, to be made for the allowance of this pardon or otherwise, any act of Parliament, Lawe, Usage, custome, or other thynge to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandinge. Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that this present acte of free Pardon or any thynge therein contained, shall not in any wyse extende, to discharge or pardon any offence, paine, or penaltie, done, committed, or forfeited, by force of any estatute, heretofore made, against the decayng of any house, or houses of husbandry, or converting of any land fro tillage into pasture or otherwise, or in any other maner, then to pardon, and discharge all issues, profits, paines, and penalties, growen, or due to the kinges Maestie, or to his late father of famous memorie kynge Henrype the eight, before the laste daye of Marche in the yere of our Lord God M.D. xlix. or by reason of any suche offence or offences, whiche issues, profits, paines, and penalties are plainly and clerely before pardoned in and by this present act of free pardon, nor shall extend to geue or make any lycence or dispensation to any person, or persons, to holde or continue thesame so decayed contrary to the fourme of any such statute or statutes.

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